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- 1 VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the
- videotaped deposition of Melody J. Millett, Case
- 3 No. 05-599-SLR. This deposition is being held
- 4 on Thursday, May the 3rd, 2007. We are now
- 5 going on the record at 9:20 AM.
- 6 Will counsel please state their
- 7 appearances for the record?
- MS. YEAGER: For Plaintiffs,
- 9 Joyce Yeager and Bryson Cloon.
- 10 MR. O'NEIL: And for the
- 11 Defendant, Michael O'Neil and Heather Schuman.
- 12 VIDEOGRAPHER: You may now swear
- 13 the witness.
- 14 MELODY J. MILLETT,
- 15 being first duly sworn, testified under oath as
- 16 follows:
- 17 EXAMINATION
- 18 BY MR. O'NEIL:
- 19 O. Good morning, Mrs. Millett.
- 20 A. Good morning.
- Q. Are you currently employed?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And where are you employed?
- 24 A. I work for
- Q. Could you spell that please?

- 1 A.
- Q. And how long have you worked at ?
- 3 A. About 90 days.
- Q. And what is your job title there, if
- 5 you have one?
- 6 A. My current job title is Business
- 7 Analyst 2.
- Q. And what is the business of ?
- 9 A. Embarq is a local telephone service
- 10 provider, also known as a local exchange
- 11 carrier.
- 12 Q. And what are your job duties and
- 13 responsibilities at ?
- 14 A. Data warehouse management and
- 15 maintenance. I manage approximately 23
- 16 databases for
- 17 .
- 18 Q. And were you employed prior to being
- 19 employed at ?
- 20 A. Yes, I was.
- Q. And where were you employed then?
- 22 A. I was employed by
- 23
- 24 .
- Q. Did you have essentially the same job

- 1 responsibilities in that position as you do
- 2 today?
- 3 A. No. My responsibilities over there
- 4 were a little bit different.
- 5 Q. Okay. And, briefly, what were those
- 6 responsibilities?
- 7 A. I was an HR database management
- 8 relating to employment records, payroll, data
- 9 warehousing for HR records, which was all hyper
- 10 sensitive security, there was a lot more
- 11 security and management and that type of stuff
- 12 involved.
- 13 Q. When did you first begin working for
- 14 ?
- 15 A. I first began working for
- 16 in 2000.
- 17 Q. And did you work there continuously
- 18 until 90 days ago?
- 19 A. Yep.
- Q. Okay. What city did you graduate high
- 21 school from?
- 22 A. High School.
- Q. And have you attended any colleges or
- 24 universities since graduating from high school?
- 25 A. I attended colleges and universities

- 1 both before and after graduating from high
- 2 school.
- 3 Q. Okay. Have you obtained any degrees
- 4 from a college or university?
- 5 A. No, sir.
- 6 O. And what was the type of course work
- 7 that you had when you were taking college and
- 8 university courses?
- 9 A. I had extensive studies in mathematics.
- 10 I was taking courses in electronics. I have he
- 11 taken courses in computer and software systems,
- 12 Microsoft certification tracks, COMPTIA
- 13 certification tracks, all those are relating to
- 14 computers.
- 15 Q. And how long -- for how long did you
- 16 have course work after you graduated from high
- 17 school?
- 18 A. Well, it's kind of been off and on as
- 19 needed for whatever job I might have had or, you
- 20 know, employers will send you for training
- 21 classes or whatnot. Most of my mathematics
- 22 classes were taken at the local community
- 23 college before I ever graduated from high
- school.
- Q. Was it more than a year of course work

- 1 together that you had after high school?
- 2 A. Yeah, it's been more than a year of
- 3 course work.
- Q. Could you -- is it more than two years?
- 5 A. Oh, maybe, two. I mean, depends on how
- 6 you say -- how would you characterize. I mean,
- 7 it's not like I went to a four-year university
- 8 and I was there continuously for two years. So,
- 9 I mean, if I had to add it all up over, you
- 10 know, the course of my life since I graduated
- 11 from high school, I'd say I probably have maybe
- two, two-and-a-half years.
- 13 Q. Have you ever been deposed before?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. Okay. So, I'm sure you know this, but
- let me just say it, obviously we have a court
- 17 reporter here who's taking down my questions and
- 18 your answers, so it would be helpful if you let
- me finish my question before you answer, even if
- you know what the question is going to be.
- 21 Sometimes I don't even know what the question is
- going to be.
- 23 If you don't understand a question that
- I ask today, which is entirely possible, please
- let me know and I'll try to rephrase it for you.

- 1 We can take a break at any time that
- 2 you would like, other than when a question is
- 3 pending.
- 4 How many times have you had your
- 5 deposition taken?
- 6 A. Once in the Ford Motor case and twice
- 7 in the Experian case.
- 8 Q. Do you recall that you were actually
- 9 deposed on three separate days in the Experian
- 10 case?
- 11 A. Yes. One was two days, and another one
- was a single day.
- 13 Q. So, you have three days of depositions
- in the Experian case?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And one full day in the Ford Motor
- 17 case?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Have you ever been -- had your
- 20 deposition taken in any other instances?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Have you ever reviewed the transcripts
- or I should say -- strike that.
- 24 Have you ever reviewed the transcript
- from your deposition in the Ford Motor case?

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And did you review it to make sure that
- 3 it was accurate?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. And did you determine the transcript
- 6 was accurate?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Did you make any changes to the
- 9 transcript?
- 10 A. I don't believe in Ford Motor Credit
- 11 there were any changes made to the transcript to
- 12 my recollection.
- 13 Q. Let me direct your attention to the
- 14 three days of transcripts in the Experian case.
- 15 Have you ever reviewed those transcripts?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. And have you reviewed them to make sure
- 18 that they were accurate?
- 19 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And did you determine that those three
- 21 days of transcripts were accurate?
- 22 A. As to substance, yes.
- Q. Okay. But you noted some typographical
- 24 errors in the transcription?
- 25 A. Yes, I sure did.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. Misspellings of software language and
- 3 stuff like that.
- Q. Okay. And do you recall, did you ever
- 5 complete an errata sheet changing the
- 6 typographical errors?
- 7 A. Yes. I did in the Experian deposition.
- Q. Okay.
- 9 A. I believe it was the second one.
- 10 Q. Okay. But, otherwise, the transcripts
- 11 for the Experian case were accurate?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Have you looked at those transcripts
- 14 recently?
- 15 A. I've reviewed all the depositions
- 16 recently, yes.
- 17 Q. Was that in preparation for your
- 18 deposition today?
- 19 A. Yes. And sometimes in general just
- 20 because I have to do research for other aspects
- of other cases as well too.
- Q. Other cases in which you are suing
- 23 somebody?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. What, if anything, have you done

- 1 to prepare for your deposition today?
- 2 A. I've reviewed depositions taken by
- Joyce in Chicago. I've reviewed my husband's
- 4 deposition. I've reviewed my own depositions.
- 5 Q. When you say that you reviewed your
- 6 husband's deposition, is that the deposition
- 7 that was taken in connection with this case?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Did you review his depositions from any
- 10 other cases?
- 11 A. Oh, I reviewed all of his depositions.
- 12 Q. I'm sorry, it wasn't a clear question.
- 13 In connection with preparing for your deposition
- 14 today, did you review Mr. Millett's depositions
- from any case other than in this case?
- 16 A. Well, I've reviewed them, yes, and I've
- 17 reviewed them recently.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. But it wasn't directly in relation to,
- oh, I was prepping for the deposition today. I
- 21 reviewed them weeks prior.
- Q. I understand. Aside from looking at
- 23 the depositions that you just described, did you
- 24 do anything else to prepare for your deposition
- 25 today?

- 1 A. Like what? I mean, I've done -- been
- 2 researching on the cases. I mean, I'm into
- documents all the time. So, I mean, it wasn't
- 4 specifically to prepare for this deposition, but
- 5 it may have been to answer other questions for
- 6 my legal representation.
- 7 Q. You say you're in the documents all the
- 8 time, what documents are you referring to?
- 9 A. The documents related to all my cases.
- 10 Q. But you didn't do that in preparation
- 11 for your deposition today, you just did it
- 12 generally?
- 13 A. Yeah, right. It wasn't done directly,
- oh, I need to go home and study and prepare for
- 15 this deposition. It was I needed to answer some
- 16 specific questions, so you go out there and
- 17 review documents.
- 18 Q. Specific questions that your counsel
- 19 had?
- 20 A. Right.
- Q. Did you meet with anybody prior to your
- 22 deposition today in connection with your
- 23 deposition?
- 24 MS. YEAGER: Objection to the
- 25 extent the question calls for attorney-client

- 1 privileged information.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Yeah, I'm not -- I
- 3 don't want to ask you -- if you had any
- 4 conversations with your lawyer in connection
- with your deposition today, I don't want to know
- 6 about that. I'm just asking did you meet with
- 7 anybody in preparing for your deposition today?
- 8 A. Just my lawyer.
- 9 Q. Okay. Did you have any conversations
- 10 with your husband regarding his deposition?
- 11 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand the
- 12 question.
- 13 Q. Well, you understand that Mr. Millett
- was deposed in this case?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. Did you have any conversations
- 17 with him before his deposition regarding the
- 18 fact that he would be deposed?
- 19 A. Well, that would go without saying
- 20 because we have children that we have to make
- 21 arrangements for and take care of, so. I would
- have to know, A, he was going to be deposed,
- when he was going to be deposed and so somebody
- could make arrangements to go and pick up the
- 25 kids at day care.

- 1 Q. Okay. So you had some conversations
- 2 regarding logistics?
- 3 A. Uh-huh.
- 4 Q. Putting those aside, did you have any
- 5 conversations regarding the substance of his
- 6 deposition?
- 7 A. I mean, other than when I handed him
- 8 his interrogatories, which I printed off the
- 9 computer.
- 10 Q. So, prior to his deposition, you gave
- 11 him the interrogatory responses that he signed?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Do you recall that he testified in his
- deposition that he couldn't get a copy of those
- interrogatory answers before his deposition?
- 16 A. I'm sorry?
- 17 Q. Do you recall in his deposition he
- 18 testified that he asked for, but could not get a
- 19 copy of those interrogatory answers prior to his
- 20 deposition?
- 21 A. Because they were on the computer. He
- doesn't have the physical paper copy. We have
- 23 the electronic copy.
- Q. Well, I thought you told me that you
- 25 gave him the interrogatory answers before his

- 1 deposition?
- 2 A. I brought them up on the computer for
- 3 him, but he doesn't have a physical paper copy.
- 4 Because the printer is malfunctioning at this
- 5 point.
- 6 Q. Did he, to your knowledge, did he
- 7 review those interrogatory answers prior to
- 8 giving his deposition?
- 9 A. I don't know if he did or he didn't. I
- 10 mean, I left the office, I pulled them up, and
- 11 what he did or didn't do, I don't know.
- 12 Q. Did you have any conversations with
- 13 your husband prior to his deposition in this
- 14 case regarding the kinds of questions that might
- 15 be asked in the deposition?
- 16 A. No. We talked about the case in
- 17 general, status of filings, you know, what
- 18 claims are still pending and whatnot, because
- 19 the case has changed on a regular basis in terms
- of what motions are filed and what's going on.
- Q. Did you ever explain to him prior to
- 22 his deposition that he was suing a company
- 23 called TrueLink?
- A. It may have been brought up.
- Q. Well, I understand it may have been,

- 1 what I'm asking you is do you recall having a
- 2 conversation with him?
- 3 A. Not -- not specifically like you
- 4 mentioned, no.
- 5 Q. Do you recall when you were read his
- 6 deposition that he didn't even realize that he
- 7 had sued a company called TrueLink?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And I guess that didn't surprise you
- 10 because you never explained that to him, did
- 11 you?
- 12 A. I'm sorry?
- 13 Q. I guess that did not surprise you that
- 14 he testified that way because you don't ever
- recall explaining that to him, right?
- 16 A. No, I don't recall explaining that to
- 17 him. However, TransUnion and TrueLink -- I
- mean, when we filed our original suit, the
- original suit was filed against TransUnion and,
- you know, to be quite frank with you, until
- 21 somebody corrected us, I didn't even know there
- was a company called TrueLink.
- Q. Well, you sued TransUnion initially for
- 24 breach of contract, right?
- 25 A. I believe so, yes.

- 1 Q. Did you ever look at the contract that
- 2 you were suing on?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. And do you recall that it said
- 5 the contract was with TrueLink and not
- 6 TransUnion?
- 7 A. I don't necessarily recall that as
- 8 being specific verbiage in there, but, you know,
- 9 it's a pretty long contract. And the website
- 10 says "brought to you by TransUnion," so I
- 11 mean...
- 12 Q. Did you have any conversations -- well,
- aside from the logistics of picking up the
- 14 children and saying -- and telling him that you
- pulled up the interrogatory responses on the
- 16 computer, did you have any other conversations
- 17 with Mr. Millett prior to his deposition
- 18 regarding his deposition?
- 19 A. Not really. I mean, we talk about the
- 20 cases all the time, so I mean there are little
- 21 factoids or things that need to be discussed or
- 22 conveyed that those discussions are ongoing in
- our house and have been for the last three
- 24 years.
- Q. And in those conversations, is that

- when you're bringing him up to speed on what's
- 2 going on in the various cases that you've
- 3 brought?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. What kind of information do you
- 6 share with him in that regard?
- 7 A. Just about everything. He and I are a
- 8 team, we work very well together. We discuss
- 9 everything.
- 10 Q. Well, but you never told him that you
- 11 sued TrueLink, right?
- 12 A. Well, I didn't know I sued TrueLink
- originally because I sued TransUnion.
- Q. When did you first learn that you sued
- 15 TrueLink?
- 16 A. When the lawsuit pleadings were changed
- 17 to reflect TrueLink as a party and TransUnion
- 18 was settled.
- 19 Q. So, you got a pleading from your
- lawyers, and that's the first time you learned
- 21 that you had sued TrueLink?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 23 Misstates the testimony.
- A. Well, to the extent that I shouldn't be
- 25 discussing anything that my lawyers had, I'm

- 1 sure that my lawyers contacted me either in
- writing or by telephone prior to that point and
- 3 communicated that fact before the pleadings were
- 4 released. I do review all the pleadings before
- 5 they are sent up.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) You said that you had
- 7 settled with TransUnion; is that right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Did you sign a settlement agreement
- 10 with them?
- 11 A. I don't recall if there was a
- 12 settlement agreement or not, but there were
- discussions held with Amanda, the lead counsel
- 14 from TransUnion.
- 15 Q. And as part of those discussions, you
- or your lawyers decided to dismiss the case
- 17 against TransUnion, right?
- 18 A. I believe she was the one who
- originally conveyed that we were supposed to be
- 20 suing TrueLink. I believe there was a meeting
- 21 held to that effect.
- Q. "She" meaning Amanda?
- 23 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And Amanda was counsel for TransUnion,
- 25 right?

- 1 A. Yes, ma'am (sic).
- Q. And at some point in time, was it your
- decision to dismiss the case against TransUnion
- 4 and sue TrueLink?
- 5 A. I believe that the attorneys made the
- 6 decision that that was where those claims
- 7 belonged, so that would be some kind of legal
- 8 determination. I mean, if you want to get into
- 9 navigating what corporation you need to be suing
- 10 for what claims and who is responsible for those
- 11 claims, that's a legal determination I don't
- 12 think I'm qualified to make.
- 13 Q. To your knowledge, did you receive
- 14 anything from TransUnion in exchange for and
- 15 agreeing to drop the lawsuit against TransUnion?
- 16 A. What do you mean by that?
- MR. O'NEIL: Could you please
- read the question back for Mrs. Millett?
- 19 (Whereupon, the requested portion
- of the record was read by the reporter.)
- 21 A. I think TransUnion was supposed to
- 22 provide for us quarterly monitoring of their
- 23 databases to determine if another individual was
- using Steve Millett's Social Security number. I
- 25 believe that they had assigned a specific person

- 1 to handle some of those issues. And, for
- 2 example, produce credit reports if needed or
- 3 that kind of thing.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) But have you ever seen
- 5 a piece of paper that reflects that agreement?
- 6 A. I probably -- if one exists, I've
- 7 probably seen it, but I don't recall it as I'm
- 8 sitting here today.
- 9 Q. Did you receive anything else in
- 10 connection with the decision to drop the lawsuit
- 11 against TransUnion?
- 12 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 13 Q. To your knowledge, has TransUnion done
- 14 what you think it agreed to do in terms of
- 15 providing you with information?
- 16 A. Not always, no.
- 17 Q. Have you requested that they live up to
- 18 their agreement?
- 19 A. I believe since Amanda left, they're in
- search of the new person who was supposed to
- 21 replace them to provide that information, so I'm
- not quite sure where we are with that.
- Q. You said earlier that you often review
- 24 the documents for these cases, do you recall
- 25 that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Are these documents physically at your
- 3 home?
- 4 A. Well, no, documents are -- sometimes
- 5 documents are e-mailed to me as PDFs, and I keep
- 6 a lot of them in electronic format. I have
- 7 documents that have been produced on CD for me
- 8 that I have that I can review. I have paper
- 9 copies in some cases of existing documents that
- 10 I have for specific reasons or to investigate
- 11 certain aspects, like in connection with my
- 12 banking records or whatever.
- 13 Q. And, of course, TrueLink and other
- defendants you have sued have produced documents
- to your lawyers in the lawsuits, right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And you've reviewed those, right, or
- some of those at least?
- 19 A. I've reviewed as many of those as is
- 20 physically possible to do so.
- 21 Q. Directing your attention to the
- 22 documents that originated from your files --
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. -- that relate to all the lawsuits.
- 25 A. Uh-huh.

- 1 Q. And I understand some of them are
- 2 electronic and not in paper form; is that right?
- 3 A. What do you mean?
- 4 Q. Okay. The documents that originated
- from you and your husband's files that are
- 6 relevant to all the lawsuits that you've
- 7 brought, do you have those all in hard copy?
- 8 A. All of those documents have been turned
- 9 over to my lawyer, every last one of them.
- 10 Q. So you don't have possession of those?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. So, how do you review those documents
- when you want to review them?
- 14 A. I have a burned copy that was produced
- by a document management company that was
- 16 produced on CD.
- 17 Q. Okay. So, you have those
- 18 electronically?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. Do you have any understanding as
- 21 to what would be the volume of those documents
- if they were printed out?
- 23 A. No, I have no understanding.
- Q. Okay. So, you don't know if it would
- 25 be a half a box or 12 boxes; is that your

- 1 testimony?
- 2 A. Well, when I started this case with the
- 3 identity -- when the identity theft started, at
- 4 one point in time, yeah, I had boxes and boxes
- of stuff. And as of this point in time, because
- 6 I have copies of just about every legal pleading
- 7 that's been filed in this case, I have probably
- 8 12 totes in my dining room. So those are in my
- 9 documents, yeah.
- 10 Q. Okay. So, you do -- so some of the
- documents that were produced by the defendants
- 12 you actually have a hard copy?
- 13 A. Some of them.
- Q. Okay. Again, directing your attention
- to the documents that originated from your
- 16 files?
- 17 A. Uh-huh.
- 18 Q. What would be the volume of those
- 19 documents?
- 20 A. Well, a lot of the documents that were
- 21 produced in this case also deal with our general
- 22 life, things like the trust agreements and
- 23 financial banking records. So, I mean, if you
- 24 wanted to talk about the volume of all of the
- 25 Link documents that my husband and I possess,

- financial or otherwise, I mean, you're probably
- 2 talking 15 or 20 boxes.
- 3 Q. And do you believe those have all been
- 4 produced to TrueLink?
- 5 A. They're not all relevant to this case.
- Q. Okay. Well, let me go back to what I'm
- 7 asking about. Do you think trust documents have
- 8 you been produced in this case?
- 9 A. I don't think so, no.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. But I don't know.
- 12 Q. Do you have any idea what documents
- have been produced from your files to TrueLink
- in this case?
- 15 A. I believe that the documents that have
- 16 been produced in this case for TrueLink were the
- same documents that were produced in the
- 18 Experian case and the Equifax case and the Ford
- 19 Motor case and the Bank of America case and the
- 20 CSC case and the -- I don't know if we produced
- 21 any documents in Fair Isaac, I don't remember
- 22 that if we did or not.
- Q. And those documents that you believe
- 24 have been produced in this case --
- 25 A. Uh-huh.

- 1 Q. -- what's the volume of those
- 2 documents?
- 3 A. I don't know. I think they're two CDs
- 4 maybe, I don't know. I don't know what the
- 5 volume of those are all packaged up.
- 6 Q. Do you know of any reason why you
- 7 couldn't give complete and accurate testimony
- 8 today?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. You reviewed the -- did you --
- 11 Ms. Yeager took the depositions of three
- 12 individuals at TrueLink.
- A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Did you review all three of those
- depositions?
- 16 A. I've only briefed skimmed those at this
- point.
- 18 Q. Okay. In skimming them, did you -- did
- 19 anything jump out at you as being particularly
- 20 significant in terms of whether or not your
- 21 claims will succeed or fail?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection. Vague.
- 23 Compound.
- 24 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand the
- 25 question.

- 1 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay, I'll rephrase it.
- When you were skimming the deposition
- 3 transcripts, did you learn of any fact or see
- 4 any testimony that you thought might be
- 5 particularly relevant to whether or not your
- 6 claims are going to succeed or fail?
- 7 MS. YEAGER: Objection. Vague.
- 8 You can answer.
- 9 A. I don't know, but I haven't completely
- 10 reviewed everything word for word, so I couldn't
- 11 even answer that at this point.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) But based upon whatever
- 13 skimming you did, nothing jumped out at you in
- that regard as being significant; is that right?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 16 Misstates her testimony.
- MR. O'NEIL: Could you please let
- me finish my question before you object?
- 19 O. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Did you get my
- 20 question?
- MR. O'NEIL: Can the court
- 22 reporter please read my question back to me?
- 23 (Whereupon, the requested portion
- of the record was read by the reporter.)
- 25 A. Yes, that is correct. However, the

- 1 amount of skimming I did was minimal.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Have you ever been
- 3 named as a defendant in a civil lawsuit?
- 4 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 5 Q. Okay. Have you ever had criminal
- 6 charges brought against you?
- 7 A. I'm sorry?
- 8 Q. Have you ever had criminal charges
- 9 brought against you?
- 10 MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 11 Relevance.
- 12 A. I've not been convicted of any crimes,
- 13 no.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay. Have you ever
- 15 had criminal charges brought against you though?
- 16 A. I don't understand what you mean.
- 17 Q. Have you ever been accused of a crime?
- 18 A. Not like that, no.
- 19 Q. Not like what?
- 20 A. I mean, not like I've been charged and
- 21 gone through that whole process, no.
- Q. Have you been accused of something
- short of that process?
- A. Well, I mean, you know, have you ever
- not paid a parking ticket and then, you know, if

- 1 you forget to pay the parking ticket, they issue
- 2 a warrant for your arrest, and then they come
- and arrest you because you didn't pay the
- 4 parking ticket, so.
- 5 Q. Have you ever had that happened to you?
- 6 A. Sure.
- 7 Q. Okay. On more than one occasion?
- 8 A. No. Just one occasion.
- 9 Q. Aside from that instance, were there
- 10 any other instances where the police came to
- 11 arrest you?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Have you ever had anybody else accuse
- 14 you of criminal conduct?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Have you ever filed a criminal
- 17 complaint?
- 18 A. A criminal complaint?
- 19 Q. Yes.
- 20 A. On two occasions.
- Q. And what occasions are those, ma'am?
- 22 A. The Abundio Perez identity theft case,
- 23 we went and filed a criminal complaint with the
- 24 Kansas Police Department. And then on one
- occasion in 1989, I was almost the victim of a

- 1 sexual assault.
- 2 Q. Okay. Now, you have brought a number
- 3 of lawsuits against defendants, right?
- 4 A. Yes. There are seven in total I
- 5 believe at this -- that are -- have been -- are
- 6 either in process or have been dismissed or
- 7 settled or resolved.
- 8 Q. You knew what my next question was
- 9 going to be. Can you -- so there's been seven
- 10 defendants that you have sued to your knowledge?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. Can you tell me who those
- defendants are?
- 14 A. Fair Isaac, CSC, Bank of America, Ford
- Motor which later became Ford Motor Credit,
- 16 Experian, Equifax, TransUnion which later became
- 17 TrueLink, and I guess according to my
- interrogatories will become TU Interactive here
- 19 shortly I guess. I think I've got them all now.
- 20 Unless we want to talk about that it went from
- 21 Equifax to EIS or ECS or whoever that migrated
- 22 into.
- 23 Q. I understand. And you retained lawyers
- to represent you in those lawsuits, right?
- 25 A. I retained lawyers originally to

- 1 conduct an identity theft investigation.
- Q. And who did you retain at that point?
- 3 A. That was when we retained Adler in
- 4 2003, and that wasn't until March I believe.
- 5 Q. And how much did you pay Mr. Adler for
- 6 his services?
- 7 A. I believe it was approximately \$2,000.
- 8 Q. And what did Mr. Adler do for you?
- 9 A. Mr. Adler was specifically retained to
- 10 write letters to the credit bureaus, Bank of
- 11 America and Ford Motor Credit so that they would
- 12 appear to come from the law offices of. Because
- I was not getting any response out of any of the
- 14 three credit bureaus, Ford Motor or Bank of
- 15 America, on our identity theft issues. And I
- 16 felt that at this point in time I needed to
- 17 start documenting the fact that no one would
- help me and no one work on any of our issues.
- 19 Q. Did Mr. Adler ever correspond with the
- 20 defendants that you had later sued?
- 21 A. He corresponded with all of the
- defendants that we later sued, with the
- 23 exception of I believe Fair Isaac, which was the
- 24 credit scoring piece. And I believe that Adler
- 25 did not correspond directly with TrueLink. I

- 1 think he was talking or communicating with
- 2 TransUnion and Experian and Equifax. And the
- 3 same thing would hold true with like Equifax
- 4 with EIS versus ECS, or Experian which is now
- 5 consumerinfo.com.
- 6 Q. Uh-huh. Were you satisfied with
- 7 Mr. Adler's services?
- 8 A. Well, at the time, yes, I sure was.
- 9 Q. Are you satisfied today?
- 10 A. I'm satisfied with the services that he
- 11 has provided, the services that he was
- 12 contracted to provide.
- 13 Q. At some point, did you decide that you
- were going to start suing companies?
- 15 A. I'm sorry?
- Q. Well, did there come a point in time
- 17 when you decided that you were going to start
- 18 suing companies?
- 19 A. Yeah, that would be late 2003.
- 20 Q. Okay. And why did you decide to sue
- 21 companies at that point?
- 22 A. Because we had no other choice. There
- 23 was no way we were going to get our lives back
- 24 unless we started suing people because nobody
- was listening.

- 1 When you write repeated letters and you
- 2 make repeated phone calls, and then your lawyer
- 3 makes repeated letters -- writes repeated
- 4 letters, makes repeated phone calls, and then a
- 5 second sets of lawyers starts making and writing
- 6 letters and making repeated phone calls and
- 7 nobody wants to fix your problem and your life
- 8 is being adversely impacted, you get to the
- 9 point where you are backed in the corner and you
- 10 are left with no alternative but to avail
- 11 yourself of the system of government we have
- 12 here in the United States.
- Q. So, in late 2003, what was your
- 14 complaint with TransUnion that lead you to sue
- 15 them?
- 16 A. Well, because at that point in time I
- 17 believed that the product that we had purchased
- was being produced by TransUnion.
- 19 Q. And what product is that, ma'am?
- 20 A. That would be the True Credit product.
- Q. Well, is that the credit monitoring
- 22 product?
- 23 A. Yes, True Credit is the credit
- 24 monitoring product brought to you by TransUnion.
- 25 Q. Did you have complaints about any other

- 1 products brought to you by TransUnion in late
- 2 2003, other than the credit monitoring product?
- 3 A. Well, I mean, I think the credit
- 4 reports are bad too, but.
- 5 Q. By the end of 2003, have you -- did you
- 6 ever advise TransUnion that you were
- 7 dissatisfied with the products that they had
- 8 sold you?
- 9 A. I believe my lawyers had had numerous
- 10 conversations over the course of 2003 that they
- were dissatisfied with TransUnion's product as
- far as their data. I mean, because you have to
- 13 remember this case originally started as an
- 14 identity theft case. So, you need to be very
- specific as to whether you're talking about
- 16 TransUnion's data issues, which are data issues
- 17 at the credit bureau, and issues with the credit
- 18 monitoring or I'm not going to be able to keep
- 19 them straight.
- 20 So if you could, if you have any
- 21 additional information about how you want that
- 22 question answered, you're going to have to let
- 23 me know which way you want me to answer that
- 24 question specifically. Because there are two
- 25 facets to that, and it's very complex.

- 1 Q. Okay. Well, you told me that you were
- 2 dissatisfied with the credit monitoring product
- 3 and the credit reports that TransUnion had told
- 4 sold you as of late 2003, right?
- 5 A. Well, some of the TransUnion credit
- 6 reports I think were sold prior to late 2003,
- 7 but yeah.
- 8 Q. Yeah. But as of late 2003, you were
- 9 dissatisfied with the credit monitoring and
- 10 credit report products that TransUnion sold you?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. To your knowledge, has any of your
- lawyers ever written to TransUnion and advised
- them prior to late 2003 that you were
- 15 dissatisfied?
- 16 A. I believe -- I mean, I'm not following
- 17 how you -- what you want from that question, so
- 18 I don't understand the question as you said.
- 19 Q. Okay. Well, I'll repeat it again.
- 20 Late 2003, you're unhappy with TransUnion's
- 21 credit monitoring products and credit report
- 22 products, right?
- 23 A. Right.
- Q. In late 2003, you decide that you're
- 25 going to sue TransUnion because of that

- dissatisfaction, right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. By the end of 2003, had anybody
- 4 -- well, strike that.
- 5 Had your lawyers advised TransUnion of
- 6 your dissatisfaction with those two products?
- 7 A. I don't know. I can't recall as I sit
- 8 here. I mean...
- 9 Q. Did you ever advise TransUnion by the
- 10 end of 2003 that you were unhappy with the
- 11 products they had sold to you?
- 12 A. Once I had retained legal counsel, all
- 13 communication with the defendants has gone
- 14 through them, so.
- 15 O. So is that --
- 16 A. I haven't communicated directly myself
- with TransUnion since August of 2003.
- 18 Q. So, to your knowledge, by the end of
- 19 2003, nobody had communicated on your behalf
- with TransUnion advising of your dissatisfaction
- 21 with the products, correct?
- 22 A. No. I wouldn't characterize that,
- 23 because that's not what I said.
- Q. How was that wrong?
- 25 A. It's wrong because you're making a

- definitive statement saying that no -- that I'm
- 2 going to tell you that no one communicated, I
- 3 cannot say that sitting here, I do not know.
- 4 Q. You don't have any information that you
- 5 could swear to under oath to suggest that that
- 6 statement was wrong, right?
- 7 A. I don't have any statement that I would
- 8 swear to under oath that would say that the
- 9 statement was correct either.
- 10 Q. Okay. As you sit here today, are you
- aware of any communication made to TransUnion on
- your behalf by the end of 2003 expressing your
- dissatisfaction with the products that
- 14 TransUnion sold you?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection. Asked
- 16 and answered.
- 17 A. I can't tell you every e-mail that my
- 18 lawyers communicated with TransUnion or every
- 19 phone conversation my lawyers had with
- 20 TransUnion or the contents thereof. So I can't
- answer that question one way or the other.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) You don't know; is that
- 23 right?
- 24 A. I don't --
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.

- 1 Misstates her testimony.
- 2 MR. O'NEIL: She's looking at
- 3 you, she's puzzled by that objection I think.
- 4 A. No, I'm not puzzled. I'm just waiting
- 5 to see if she was going to say anything else
- 6 before I would continue speaking.
- 7 No, I don't know specifically what the
- 8 lawyers said or didn't say.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Do you have any idea as
- 10 to whether or not your lawyers produced any such
- 11 communication to TrueLink in this case?
- 12 A. I don't know. But I do know that I
- have seen letters that are required under
- various consumer remedies acts, whether it's
- 15 California or I mean whatever case is it's been
- in that have been produced to various
- 17 defendants, so. To categorize it and say it's
- 18 specifically TrueLink at this point, I can't
- 19 say.
- 20 Q. So, when did you -- what lawyers or
- 21 lawyer did you retain to represent you in the
- 22 lawsuits that you have filed?
- 23 A. Bryson Cloon is retained, Joyce Yeager,
- 24 Barry Grissom, Michael Blanton, I believe
- 25 Mr. Curtin is the local counsel in Delaware.

- 1 There are additional lawyers on other cases also
- 2 that are local counsels in their jurisdictions.
- 3 Q. Is it fair to say that it was the four
- 4 lawyers that you hired who retained the local
- 5 counsel?
- A. Yes, that would be a fair statement.
- 7 Q. The four lawyers that you mentioned,
- 8 and if you don't mind I'm just going to use
- 9 first names, Bryson, Joyce, Michael and Barry,
- 10 did you retain each of them?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Who did you retain?
- 13 A. I obtained Barry Grissom.
- 14 Q. Okay. And then Mr. Grissom associated
- 15 with the other three lawyers; is that correct?
- 16 A. Yes, that is correct.
- 17 Q. When did you retain Mr. Grissom?
- 18 A. I retained Mr. Grissom probably a month
- 19 after Adler had exhausted his retainer.
- Q. And when was that, ma'am?
- 21 A. It was late August, or somewhere
- thereabouts.
- 23 Q. By the end of 2003, had you ever
- thought about suing Mr. Perez?
- 25 A. I've thought about suing Mr. Perez, the

- 1 question is you don't know who Mr. Perez is.
- 2 O. Uh-huh. So, as I think you mentioned
- 3 before, you know, your lawsuits involve a number
- 4 of things, one of them is dissatisfaction with
- 5 the defendants' products, you know, when it
- 6 comes to Experian, TrueLink, and Equifax, right?
- 7 A. I'm sorry, can you please reread the
- 8 question?
- 9 Q. I'll withdraw it. You mention identity
- theft, do you remember?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. And that's kind of what prompted
- your investigation, your purchase of products
- and then the lawsuits, right?
- 15 A. Well, we had identity theft, yes.
- Q. And to be more specific, what you were
- 17 referring to there is that somebody apparently
- named "Mr. Perez" was using your husband's
- 19 Social Security number, right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Have you ever been a victim of
- 22 identity theft?
- 23 A. I have been a victim of data breaches,
- 24 but I don't necessarily know that my particular
- identity has been stolen. But, you know, given

- 1 the information or the data that's available to
- 2 us, I'm not sure that I ever would really know.
- 3 Q. What's the status of the lawsuit that
- 4 you filed against Fair Isaac?
- 5 A. That lawsuit was dismissed.
- 6 Q. Was it dismissed -- voluntarily
- 7 dismissed by you or dismissed by the court?
- 8 A. Well, they and us agreed that we were
- 9 going to dismiss the lawsuit, and the remainder
- 10 of the information contained I believe under the
- 11 Fair Isaac is confidential.
- 12 Q. Okay. Did Fair Isaac agree to give you
- 13 something in return for your agreement to
- 14 dismiss the lawsuit?
- 15 A. That would be a fair assertion, yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. And what did they agree to give
- 17 you?
- 18 A. I can't disclose that, because I
- 19 believe it's covered by a confidentiality
- agreement.
- Q. Let's have your lawyer make the
- 22 objections.
- MS. YEAGER: If she's
- 24 contractually bound, she is going to identify
- 25 her contractual obligation not to discuss it.

- 1 MR. O'NEIL: I don't know that
- 2 what means.
- MS. YEAGER: If she's
- 4 contractually bound --
- 5 MR. O'NEIL: But I don't know if
- 6 she's contractually bound.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Is it your
- 8 understanding -- did you sign an agreement with
- 9 Fair Isaac?
- 10 A. It's, well, it's my understanding that
- in all the cases that have been settled, there
- is some form of agreement that has been signed
- and most -- and all of them contain
- 14 confidentiality agreements.
- 15 Q. Where did you get that understanding?
- 16 A. Because I've read everything that I've
- 17 had to sign.
- 18 Q. Okay. Did you ever sign an agreement,
- a settlement agreement, with Fair Isaac?
- 20 A. I believe so or the case wouldn't be
- 21 settled.
- Q. Well, that's not necessarily true, but.
- 23 As you sit here today under oath, do you recall
- ever signing a settlement agreement with Fair
- 25 Isaac?

- 1 A. I don't specifically recall it, but I
- 2 believe that that is the case, yes.
- 3 Q. Do you recall ever reviewing a draft
- 4 settlement agreement with Fair Isaac?
- 5 A. I don't recall it, no, not as I sit
- 6 here.
- 7 Q. Okay. So, you don't know as I sit here
- 8 whether or not there's a confidentiality
- 9 provision in there; isn't that correct?
- 10 A. If there is an agreement, it has a
- 11 confidentiality provision.
- 12 Q. But how do you know that?
- 13 A. Because there has not been a single
- 14 contract that I have signed for any of my
- 15 settlements that did not contain a
- 16 confidentiality provision.
- 17 Q. Is that something that you always
- 18 insisted upon?
- 19 A. No, it's something that they usually
- 20 insist upon.
- Q. But as you sit here now, you don't
- 22 know, A, if you signed an agreement or whether
- or not it has specific confidentiality language
- in it; is that right?
- 25 A. That would be correct.

- 1 Q. So, what did Fair Isaac agree -- you
- 2 know, strike that.
- 3 Do you know what Fair Isaac agreed to
- 4 do in exchange for your dismissal of the
- 5 lawsuit?
- 6 A. Yes, I do.
- 7 Q. Okay. What did they agree?
- 8 A. I'm not sure if I can answer that or
- 9 not.
- 10 Q. Why not?
- 11 A. Well, because if it is covered by a
- 12 confidentiality agreement, I'm not supposed to
- answer it. And since I can't recall
- 14 specifically whether it is or is not, I am not
- 15 going to answer it until I know for sure that
- 16 I'm not going to be violating some contractual
- 17 provision that I've already agreed to.
- 18 Q. Well, you're aware that TrueLink has
- 19 asked for copies of the settlement agreements in
- this litigation, aren't you?
- 21 A. Yes, I'm aware of that fact.
- Q. And did you ever make any effort to
- 23 determine whether or not you could disclose
- those agreements?
- 25 A. Well, I believe in some of the let's

- 1 just say longer running cases, I mean Fair Isaac
- 2 made a fairly quick exit, so you'll have to
- forgive me because you're talking four years
- 4 ago. But in I know in Bank of America, CSC, I
- 5 know, and Ford Motor, I know in a lot of them
- 6 that they are all covered by confidentiality
- 7 provisions.
- 8 Q. Let's just focus on the Fair Isaac
- 9 agreement.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. Did you ever make an effort to find the
- 12 Fair Isaac agreement and determine if in fact
- there is a confidentiality provision?
- 14 A. I assume, because I have hired
- 15 competent legal counsel that if there was -- if
- it was a settlement agreement that could have
- 17 been produced because it was not privy to a
- 18 confidential agreement, that it would have been
- 19 produced.
- Q. That was just an assumption you made?
- 21 A. It's not an assumption. I mean, you
- 22 hire legal representation to do their job.
- Q. And you assume they did their job?
- 24 A. I have no evidence to the contrary that
- 25 they haven't done their job.

- 1 Q. I'm going to ask you again, what did
- 2 Fair Isaac agree to give you as part of the
- 3 settlement?
- 4 MS. YEAGER: Objection. Asked
- 5 and answered.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) You can answer.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Can I answer?
- 8 A. Fair Isaac agreed to produce for us a
- 9 deposition.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) An employee of Fair
- 11 Isaac?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did they produce an employee?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And was a deposition taken?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And did you ever see a transcript of
- 18 it?
- 19 A. Yes, but that's been years ago.
- 20 Q. Uh-huh.
- 21 MR. O'NEIL: Can we get a copy of
- the settlement agreement, as well as the
- deposition, Ms. Yeager?
- MS. YEAGER: Let's go off the
- 25 record.

- 1 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going
- off the record at 10:04 AM.
- 3 (Off the record.)
- 4 (Recess.)
- 5 VIDEOGRAPHER: One moment please.
- 6 The time is now 10:18 AM and we are back on the
- 7 record. You may continue.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Ms. Millett, off the
- 9 record, you had complained that TrueLink hadn't
- 10 produced some document that you said you needed
- 11 for litigation. Do you recall that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And what was the document that you were
- 14 looking for?
- 15 A. I'm looking for the master TU file for
- 16 Steve Millett's credit file.
- 17 Q. And you think TrueLink has that?
- 18 A. No, I think its parent company,
- 19 TransUnion, has that.
- Q. Okay. And you think that your lawyers
- 21 have asked that TrueLink produce it?
- 22 A. I believe the request was made in the
- 23 production for documents for information with
- 24 Steve's Social Security number on it. And to
- 25 the extent that TrueLink is owned by TU, the

- 1 parent company, I would assume that that would
- include the information known by TransUnion for
- 3 Steve Millett's Social Security number.
- 4 Q. And why do you need that information,
- 5 ma'am?
- 6 A. Because TransUnion is not giving all of
- 7 its data to TrueLink like it's supposed to be
- 8 doing. And I believe that there are suppressed
- 9 accounts that are existing on the TU master
- 10 credit file that were never provided or produced
- in the monitoring product, which proves that the
- 12 product does not work.
- Q. Why do you believe that?
- 14 A. Well, because the Home Depot account is
- listed on the TU letter that was produced in
- 16 April of 2003, and that account was subsequently
- 17 labeled -- relabeled some time in 2004 and 2005
- 18 by Citibank to have Steve Millett's name and
- 19 address on it, even though it was Abundio's
- 20 fraudulent account. And I have seen it on other
- 21 credit bureau admin reports.
- Q. What do you mean by "admin report"?
- 23 A. Well, the admin report is the master
- 24 file held by the credit bureau for a particular
- 25 credit file in their database. That admin

- 1 report has the entire archived history of every
- item that has either appeared, been deleted,
- 3 expired of the information that's contained in
- 4 the credit bureau.
- 5 Q. Aside from the Home Depot account, do
- 6 you think that there are other accounts that
- 7 TransUnion has on Mr. Millett's credit file?
- 8 A. It's possible. It is possible. J. C.
- 9 Penney's would be another one.
- 10 Q. Why do you believe that a J. C. Penney
- 11 account is on Mr. Millett's file?
- 12 A. Because the J. C. Penney account, J. C.
- 13 Penney started sending mail to our house with
- 14 Abundio Perez's name with our address. So, it's
- another account in which the data at the
- 16 furnisher has been relabeled with my husband's
- information and reported that way.
- 18 Q. Have you ever asked TransUnion for this
- information, outside of the litigation?
- 20 A. I'm sorry?
- 21 Q. Have you ever asked TransUnion for this
- 22 information outside of formal document requests
- 23 to TrueLink?
- 24 A. I'm not sure how -- I'm not sure what
- you mean by that.

- 1 Q. Well, you recognize -- you are well
- 2 aware that you can call TransUnion and ask for
- 3 information regarding your husband, right?
- 4 A. They're only going to give you a
- 5 consumer disclosure. They're not going to get
- 6 their admin file. You can only get their admin
- file as a result of the litigation. And I don't
- 8 know if they call it an admin file or if they
- 9 call it the master file or if they call it an
- 10 archive report or what it's called in their
- 11 lingo inside their company. But they have a
- 12 master file which shows every piece of
- information which has ever been stored, reported
- or kept for Steve Millett's credit report for
- 15 the last ten years.
- 16 Q. How do you know that?
- 17 A. Because it's been contained on other
- 18 litigation out on the Pacer site that that
- information has been produced in other cases.
- Q. By TransUnion?
- 21 A. Yeah, uh-huh.
- 22 Q. Okay. Have you ever -- have you or
- your husband ever requested his file disclosure
- from TransUnion in the last several years?
- 25 A. Oh, sure.

- 1 Q. Okay. And did you receive them?
- 2 A. We received the consumer disclosure,
- 3 yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. And did you see any information
- 5 on there that was inaccurate?
- 6 A. In some cases, yes.
- 7 Q. And did you dispute that information
- 8 with TransUnion?
- 9 A. I believe it's come up with discussions
- 10 with TransUnion counsel when Amanda was here,
- 11 yes.
- 12 Q. So you went through counsel? You
- didn't go to TransUnion directly to dispute it;
- is that right?
- 15 A. Well, I believe Amanda was the counsel
- for TU. And she's not outside counsel, she's
- inside counsel, so she works for their company.
- 18 So, I mean, to the extent that I'm talking to
- 19 somebody who works directly for the company, I
- 20 mean, how do you want me to characterize that.
- Q. Well, I don't think Amanda works for
- 22 TransUnion. But, in any event, I'm not asking
- about the litigation. You are well aware in the
- 24 Fair Credit Reporting Act that credits bureaus
- like TransUnion are required to give you file

- disclosures and then to investigate any
- 2 disputes, right?
- 3 A. I'm well aware of that fact, yeah.
- 4 Q. Okay. To your knowledge, has your
- 5 husband or yourself ever contacted TransUnion
- 6 directly about any errors in the file
- 7 disclosures that you received?
- 8 A. I'm not sure if my attorneys have
- 9 contacted them directly about that, but I know
- 10 discussions have been held about that.
- 11 Q. Once again, ma'am, I'm not asking about
- 12 your attorneys. I'm asking you or your husband,
- have you ever contacted TransUnion to dispute
- items on his file?
- 15 A. When we got the TU letter in 2003 --
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. -- we called TransUnion about that.
- 18 Q. Have you ever informed TransUnion that
- 19 you believe that it is suppressing Home Depot,
- J. C. Penney or any other accounts?
- 21 A. No, because those facts have only come
- about after the litigation commenced. We didn't
- 23 have those facts until after we started sending
- out the subpoenas in the Experian case.
- Q. Okay. Well, once you had the facts,

- did you ever contact TransUnion and say I think
- that you're suppressing the Home Depot, J. C.
- 3 Penney and other accounts?
- 4 A. No, I did not call them about that, no.
- 5 Q. Okay. You said that you had sued CSC,
- 6 what's the status of that case, Mrs. Millett?
- 7 A. That case is settled.
- 8 Q. And did you sign a settlement agreement
- 9 with CSC?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And as part of that settlement
- 12 agreement, did you agree to dismiss the lawsuit
- 13 against CSC?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. And what, if anything, did you get in
- 16 exchange for that agreement?
- 17 MS. YEAGER: Objection. That's
- 18 confidential information protected by the
- 19 agreement. I'm going to instruct the client not
- 20 to answer.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) And will you accept
- that instruction, ma'am?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And then you also said that you
- 25 had sued Bank of America. What's the status of

- 1 that lawsuit?
- 2 A. That lawsuit is also settled.
- 3 Q. Did you sign a settlement agreement
- 4 with Bank of America?
- 5 A. Oh, yes.
- 6 Q. And as part of that settlement, you
- 7 agreed to dismiss your lawsuit against Bank of
- 8 America, right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And what, if anything, did you and your
- 11 husband get in exchange for the agreement to
- 12 dismiss your lawsuit?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection. That is
- 14 part of a confidentiality agreement that was
- 15 contracted as part of the settlement, and I'll
- instruct the client not to answer.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) And you'll accept that
- instruction, ma'am?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. You also sued Ford Motor and then Ford
- 21 Motor Credit, right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And did you reach a settlement
- 24 agreement resolving that lawsuit?
- 25 A. Yes, we did.

- 1 Q. Did you sign that settlement agreement?
- 2 A. Yes, I think I did.
- 3 Q. Okay. And what did you and/or your
- 4 husband get in exchange for your agreement to
- 5 drop the lawsuit?
- 6 MS. YEAGER: Objection. That is
- 7 protected by the agreement itself. I'll
- 8 instruct the client not to answer.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) And you'll accept that
- 10 instruction?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. The deposition that Fair Isaac agreed
- to give in connection with the Ford Motor case,
- 14 what was -- why did you want that deposition to
- occur as part of your settlement?
- 16 A. That was a Fair Credit Reporting Act
- 17 case. And the information related to the Fair
- 18 Isaac deposition was directly related to
- 19 furnisher data and how it impacts the scoring
- 20 model.
- Q. Okay. Ultimately, the District Court
- in the Ford Motor case ruled against your
- 23 claims, right?
- A. Initially, yes. That would be correct.
- Q. Well, did they change -- did the

- 1 District Court change its decision later on?
- 2 A. No. We achieved a settlement in
- 3 between that and the processing of the appeal.
- 4 Q. When you and your husband first had a
- 5 lawsuit filed on your behalf against all of the
- 6 defendants you sued initially, did you decide
- 7 who would be sued?
- 8 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand the
- 9 question.
- 10 Q. Okay. Do you recall that you sued
- 11 those seven defendants in one lawsuit here in
- 12 Kansas?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. And did you participate in the
- 15 decision as to who would be sued and who would
- 16 not be sued?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. And did your husband participate
- in that decision?
- 20 A. Of course. He participates in all the
- 21 decisions.
- 22 Q. Well, he didn't participate in the
- decision to sue TrueLink, right?
- A. He participated in the decision to sue
- 25 TransUnion, which ultimately became TrueLink.

- 1 Q. But he didn't participate in the
- 2 decision to sue TrueLink, right?
- 3 MS. YEAGER: Objection. Asked
- 4 and answered.
- 5 A. He participated in the discussion to
- 6 sue TransUnion, which was later renamed to
- 7 TrueLink. And which I guess as a part of this
- 8 litigation will now be renamed to TU
- 9 Interactive.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Do you recall that
- 11 Mr. Millett in his deposition taken in this case
- 12 said that he was deferring to you in making
- decisions involving the lawsuits?
- 14 A. Yes, I recalled that. Yes.
- 15 O. Was that an inaccurate statement?
- 16 A. It not inaccurate because I'm the one
- that usually communicates to the attorneys, but
- that does not mean that he has no input in how
- 19 the decision is made.
- Q. When you read his deposition, did you
- see anything that he said that was inaccurate?
- 22 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand the
- 23 question.
- Q. Okay. Well, in his deposition, I asked
- 25 him questions and he gave answers, right?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And he gave answers about a lot of
- 3 information that's in your possession as well,
- 4 right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Did you disagree with any of his
- 7 answers?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Okay. After his deposition, did you
- 10 talk to him about his deposition?
- 11 A. Not really. Not really. I mean, we
- discussed how did he think it went today, and he
- 13 said it went -- I think it went okay and, you
- 14 know, that was it. I'm tired, I'm going to bed,
- 15 so, I mean, you know.
- 16 Q. That was the whole extent of your
- 17 conversation with Mr. Millett about his
- deposition in this case?
- 19 A. Paraphrasing at that point, yes.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. On that day, yeah.
- Q. After you had -- okay, later days, did
- 23 you have other conversation with him about the
- 24 deposition?
- 25 A. Yeah, he had other questions. He

- 1 specifically asked about the TrueLink issue, and
- 2 I said, well, that's because we were suing
- 3 TransUnion and then it got renamed to TrueLink,
- 4 because he didn't understand why he -- and he
- 5 had misplaced it, we had discussed it
- 6 previously.
- 7 Q. Did he express to you that he was a
- 8 little embarrassed that he didn't know facts
- 9 that he thought he should have known?
- 10 A. No, he didn't discuss that he was
- 11 embarrassed.
- 12 Q. Well, did he discuss something along
- 13 those lines?
- 14 A. No, not along those lines, no.
- 15 O. Did he say that he was asked questions
- 16 he didn't know the answers to?
- 17 A. Well, he said he asked questions he was
- 18 -- that he was asked questions that he was
- 19 confused by, yeah.
- Q. Uh-huh. Was he angry with you that he
- 21 only learned in a deposition that he had sued
- 22 TrueLink?
- A. No, he was not angry with me.
- Q. After you read the deposition
- transcript, did you have any conversations with

- 1 him about your review of the transcript and what
- 2 you thought about the deposition?
- 3 A. I'm sorry?
- 4 Q. You read his transcript, right?
- 5 A. Right.
- 6 Q. After you read it, did you have any
- 7 conversation with your husband about the
- 8 transcript?
- 9 A. Yeah, I had some conversations with him
- 10 about the transcript.
- 11 Q. What did you tell him?
- 12 A. I didn't tell him anything. I just...
- 13 Q. Well, what did you say?
- 14 A. Well, I mean, they were just in
- 15 general, you know. Like how was this or how was
- 16 this phrased or how do you think about this
- 17 particular aspect of the deposition. I mean, I
- don't recall all the specifics, but, I mean, we
- 19 had a general conversation about it.
- Q. Did you tell him that you thought that
- 21 he had testified inaccurately?
- 22 A. No.
- MR. O'NEIL: Okay, we have to go
- off the record briefly to change the videotape,
- 25 so let's do that.

- 1 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going
- off the record at 10:32 AM.
- 3 (Recess.)
- 4 VIDEOGRAPHER: One moment please.
- 5 We are now back on the record at 10:35 AM. You
- 6 may continue.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Mrs. Millett, did you
- 8 play a role in deciding what particular legal
- 9 claims would be brought against the defendants?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Did you review drafts of the complaints
- that were filed on your behalf before they were
- 13 filed?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And did you review them for accuracy?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And did you make changes to any
- 18 complaints before they were filed?
- 19 A. Yeah. I believe, you know, there was a
- 20 review process, you make changes, you go back
- 21 and forth.
- Q. And before they were filed, were you
- 23 confident that they were -- that the factual
- 24 allegations were accurate?
- 25 A. Yes. I was fairly confident of that.

- 1 Q. Okay. And there have been a number of
- 2 legal briefs or memorandum that have been filed
- 3 in all the lawsuits that you and your husband
- 4 have brought?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. And have you ever reviewed
- 7 drafts of those legal briefs before they were
- 8 filed?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And did you ever review those briefs
- 11 for accuracy?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And did you ever make changes to those
- 14 briefs to make sure that they were accurate?
- 15 A. Yes. I've made changes.
- Q. And in your mind, were all those briefs
- 17 accurate when filed?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 O. And there has been a number of
- 20 correspondence, I'm speculating here, but I
- 21 suspect that there's been a number of
- 22 correspondence between your lawyers and the
- lawyers for all of the defendants that you have
- 24 sued. My question is, do you see that
- 25 correspondence?

- 1 A. I'm not sure I see every single piece
- of correspondence. I'm sure that you probably
- 3 have communicated with my lawyer information
- 4 about the time and set-up of this deposition
- 5 that may not have been shared with me. But I'm
- 6 sure that, you know, Joyce has contacted me and
- 7 said, Melody, I need you to be here on Thursday
- 8 at such and such time.
- 9 Q. Do you have an understanding as to what
- 10 types of correspondence between counsel you
- 11 would get copies of?
- 12 A. I generally get copies of any
- 13 correspondence, which is official. Like, for
- 14 example, if it relates to discovery disputes or
- 15 specific timetables, I think stuff from the
- 16 conferencing, timetable, whatever they call that
- thing when you guys set up the scheduling orders
- 18 or whatever in the beginning.
- 19 Q. Uh-huh.
- 20 A. I've seen communication going back and
- 21 forth about requests for productions and
- 22 different stuff like that that gets shared with
- me, yes.
- Q. And when your lawyers are discussing
- 25 settlement with the defendants you have sued, do

- 1 you get to see copies of that correspondence?
- 2 A. Oh, yes, every settlement agreement or
- 3 every settlement offer has been conveyed, yes, I
- 4 believe so.
- 5 Q. Have you approved the terms of all the
- 6 settlements that you've reached with the
- 7 defendants you've seed?
- 8 A. Me and my husband have approved all the
- 9 terms, yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. And is it fair to say, I think
- 11 you said this earlier, but is it fair to say
- that whenever you and your husband communicate
- with the lawyers, that you're the one that
- 14 communicates to them?
- 15 A. Well, I believe Steve has talked with
- 16 the lawyers on several occasions, but
- 17 predominantly speaking, I communicate with the
- 18 lawyers. And, predominantly speaking, I
- 19 predominantly communicate with Joyce Yeager in
- 20 particular, so I don't talk to all the lawyers.
- Q. When you first retained Mr. Grissom,
- did you sign a contract with him?
- 23 A. We signed a representation agreement,
- 24 yes.
- Q. Okay. And was that an agreement that

- 1 included the other lawyers or did it just
- 2 include Mr. Grissom?
- 3 A. Well, at that time, it was just
- 4 Mr. Grissom.
- 5 Q. But then later on did you sign another
- 6 agreement with the other lawyers that you had
- 7 retained?
- 8 A. No, I did not.
- 9 Q. Okay. So, to your knowledge, the only
- 10 signed agreement you had with your lawyers is
- 11 with Mr. Grissom; is that right?
- 12 A. That is correct.
- 13 Q. Okay. And is that agreement still in
- 14 effect today?
- 15 A. I would hope so.
- 16 Q. Okay. And did you sign that agreement
- when you first retained Mr. Grissom in 2003?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. Okay. And did that agreement provide
- that Mr. Grissom would share in a percentage of
- 21 whatever recovery you got in the lawsuits?
- 22 A. It's a contingent fee arrangement, yes.
- Q. Okay. And what percentage of recovery
- does Mr. Grissom get under those agreements?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.

- 1 Irrelevant.
- 2 A. I believe it
- I mean, I haven't looked
- 4 at the agreement and I've kind of misplaced it,
- 5 so it's -- I mean, I could get another copy but
- 6 I just haven't looked at it.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) And in connection with
- 8 the settlements that you've reached with a
- 9 number of the defendants, did Mr. Grissom share
- in the recovery of money consistent with your
- 11 agreement with him?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection. The
- terms of the settlement agreements are
- 14 confidential, and I will instruct the client not
- 15 to answer.
- MR. O'NEIL: I'm not asking about
- 17 the terms of the settlement agreement.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) What I'm asking is, did
- 19 Mr. Grissom receive his percentage of money that
- was agreed to under your engagement letter with
- 21 him whenever you receive money under the
- 22 settlement agreements?
- MS. YEAGER: I have to object to
- that question. There were instances in which
- 25 those terms of settlement were confidential, and

- 1 I'll instruct the client not to answer.
- MR. O'NEIL: Well, you've already
- 3 produced documents that tell us how much money
- 4 was received in certain of those agreements, so
- 5 I'm not sure how you could tell her that she
- 6 can't say it now. I'm not even asking about the
- 7 terms of the settlement agreements.
- I do know for a fact that the Milletts
- 9 got moneys under certain of the settlement
- 10 agreements, because she testified to that in the
- 11 Ford Motor case. And after repeated requests,
- 12 you finally produced that.
- So, you can't claim -- you can't claim
- that she's prohibited from saying that, she's
- 15 already testified in other litigation. But in
- any event, that's not my question.
- 17 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) You did receive moneys
- 18 under certain of the agreements that you reached
- 19 with defendants, right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And in each of those instances,
- 22 did Mr. Grissom get only the amount of money
- that he was entitled to under your engagement
- letter with him?
- 25 A. I'm not dissatisfied with how much

- 1 money he got paid or I got paid if that's what
- 2 you mean.
- Q. Well, I'm glad. I'm glad, but that's
- 4 not my question. My question is that, when you
- 5 got the moneys under the settlement agreements,
- 6 did Mr. Grissom get his share and only his share
- 7 that he was entitled to under the engagement
- 8 letter you have with him?
- 9 MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 10 Relevance. You may answer.
- 11 A. I don't understand the question,
- 12 because normally what happens is the check is
- 13 produced and then Mr. Grissom produces a check
- for me and, you know, you get a little paper
- that tells you how it was done. So I mean, you
- 16 know, I don't know.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) So, you don't know how
- 18 much Mr. Grissom got? Is that what you're
- 19 testifying to?
- 20 A. No, that's not what I'm testifying to.
- 21 What I'm testifying to is I know what the total
- amount is, I know what I received. To say that
- in a particular agreement that I got -- that
- 24 Mr. Grissom , I
- 25 didn't do the math.

- 1 Q. Well, but you know that Mr. Grissom
- 2 received much more than what was agreed to under
- 3 that engagement letter with you in at least
- 4 certain of the settlement; isn't that correct?
- 5 MS. YEAGER: Objection. Assumes
- facts not in evidence.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) You can answer.
- 8 MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 9 Relevance. You may answer.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Can somebody please
- 11 read back the question?
- 12 (Whereupon, the requested portion
- of the record was read by the reporter.)
- 14 A. No, that will not be correct.
- 15 O. (BY MR. O'NEIL) He received more than
- 16 the that he was supposed to get
- 17 under the engagement letter, right?
- 18 A. No. I mean, not from -- not from --
- that's what I'm not understanding what you mean
- 20 by that.
- Q. Okay, well, let me try to make it more
- 22 clear. You reached settlement agreements where
- 23 you and your husband got a certain amount of
- 24 money and your lawyers got a certain amount of
- 25 money, right?

- 1 A. Of course.
- 2 Q. And in at least some of those
- 3 settlements, your lawyers got more than
- 4 that was called for under your
- 5 engagement letter?
- 6 MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 7 Relevance.
- 8 A. I still don't understand this question.
- 9 I really don't.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay, well, then I'll
- 11 walk -- we'll walk through it.
- MR. O'NEIL: By the way, I'll
- 13 give you a standing objection on relevance to
- 14 all my questions. Okay?
- O. (BY MR. O'NEIL) As you said before,
- 16 under some of these agreements, the agreements
- 17 called for you and your husband getting a
- 18 certain amount of money and your lawyers getting
- 19 a certain amount of money, right?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 21 Misstates the agreement.
- MR. O'NEIL: She's already
- 23 testified to it, but if she wants to change her
- 24 testimony in light of your objection, she can do
- 25 that. I'll restate the question.

- 1 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) In at least some of the
- 2 agreements, the agreements called for the
- defendant paying you and your husband a certain
- 4 amount of money and your lawyers getting a
- 5 separate sum of money; isn't that correct?
- 6 A. Well, I think that that's the legal fee
- 7 portion, but that's not -- that has nothing to
- 8 do with the contingency portion of the
- 9 agreement.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. So that's where my confusion is coming
- 12 in.
- 13 Q. I understand. Now I understand why
- 14 you're confused. So, as part of some of these
- agreements, your lawyers actually got more than
- 16 they would have gotten if they had just got
- of what you had gotten, right?
- 18 A. Right.
- 19 O. Why do you agree to that?
- 20 A. I'm sorry?
- Q. Why did you agree to that arrangement?
- 22 A. To what arrangement?
- Q. Where your lawyers are getting more
- 24 money than they would have been entitled to
- under your contingency fee agreement?

- 1 A. Because some cases are different than
- others. Some cases are pure contingency. Then
- 3 there's the matter of originally there was a
- 4 \$10,000 retainer which was paid to Mr. Grissom
- 5 which was used to execute certain other cases.
- But, I mean, for me to keep track of,
- 7 okay, I retained a person to engage in a
- 8 specific course of action, which dollars were
- 9 applied to which cases and how and when, you
- 10 know, I can't keep track of all that. That's
- 11 their accounting issue. And I've had no issue
- 12 with it.
- Q. Whose accounting issue is it?
- 14 A. I mean, it's not -- I mean, it's how
- they do legal accounting. I'm not an expert on
- how you're supposed to bill cases or do hours,
- 17 you know. I mean, I don't feel like anything
- 18 has been unfair, so.
- 19 O. And the amounts of money moneys that
- 20 you have received under the agreements were much
- 21 larger when it was a class action that you
- 22 brought; isn't that correct?
- 23 A. I'm sorry?
- Q. The amount of money that you and your
- 25 husband received was much larger where it was a

- 1 class action that was being settled as opposed
- to the individual cases being settled; isn't
- 3 that correct?
- 4 MS. YEAGER: Objection. That
- 5 involves material that is protected by the
- 6 confidentiality provisions of the settlement
- 7 agreements, and I'm going to instruct the client
- 8 not to answer.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) And will you accept
- 10 that instruction?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. And the settlements involving
- 13 purported class action lawsuits gave your
- lawyers much more money than the settlements
- where it was individual lawsuits; isn't that
- 16 correct?
- 17 MS. YEAGER: Objection. The
- 18 terms of those settlement agreements are
- 19 confidential. There is a confidentiality
- 20 provision in the settlement agreements, and I'll
- 21 instruct the client not to answer.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) And you will accept
- that instruction, Mrs. Millett?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Is it fair to say that you took the

- lead in investigating the misuse of your
- husband's Social Security number?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Is it fair to say that you took
- 5 the lead in ordering file disclosures from the
- 6 credit bureaus for your husband?
- 7 A. Yes. As his agent, I ordered those
- 8 file disclosures.
- 9 Q. And were you his agent for disputing
- 10 information with the bureaus regarding his
- 11 credit file?
- 12 A. Yes, myself and Mr. Adler, and of
- 13 course his other legal counsel.
- Q. And were you also his agent for
- 15 ordering products from TrueLink and Equifax and
- 16 Experian, right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And you were also his agent in
- 19 answering the interrogatories that were directed
- 20 at him, right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And that's because -- isn't that
- 23 because -- is one reason for that is because you
- thought you knew the information better than
- 25 your husband?

- 1 A. Well, because I've handled many of the
- 2 items as on his behalf as his agent. And when
- 3 the interrogatories call for a specific or
- 4 detailed answer, that -- I need to answer that,
- 5 yeah.
- 6 Q. And are you his agent for purposes of
- 7 prosecuting the lawsuit against TrueLink?
- 8 A. I don't understand the question. He
- 9 and I are doing this together.
- 10 Q. But you're the one who's taking the
- lead in talking to the lawyers, right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And you're the one who's been
- 14 identified as having more information about the
- 15 facts relevant to this lawsuit than your
- 16 husband, right?
- 17 A. I have more facts, that would be true.
- 18 Q. What is it, Mrs. Millett, that you seek
- 19 to achieve by the lawsuit that you've filed
- 20 against TrueLink?
- 21 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand the
- 22 question.
- Q. What is it that you want to achieve by
- filing the lawsuit against TrueLink?
- 25 A. We want to fix the system so that

- 1 nobody else has to go through what we've gone
- 2 through.
- 3 Q. Any other goals that you have for the
- 4 lawsuit?
- 5 A. Yeah. I'd like for the company to be
- 6 honest with people about what the credit
- 7 monitoring actually does and does not do. And
- 8 to stop advertising complete identify theft
- 9 protection when they have no intention of
- 10 providing it.
- I'd like for them to pay my attorneys
- 12 their attorneys fees.
- I would like to obtain my relief under
- 14 the Kansas Consumer Protection Act.
- 15 I would like to, once again, have peace
- of mind that someone somewhere will, you know,
- take a look at what it is they're marketing and
- 18 figure out that what they're doing is not the
- 19 right thing, that it lacks a certain amount of
- 20 common sense. And that if the common person
- 21 knew actually what was not covered by the
- 22 advertising of complete identity theft
- 23 protection, that they -- most people would
- 24 choose not to purchase that product.
- Q. Any other goals you are trying to

- achieve by the lawsuit that you've filed against
- 2 TrueLink?
- 3 A. No, I don't think so.
- Q. Okay. What relief under the KCPA, the
- 5 Kansas Consumer Protection Act, are you seeking?
- 6 A. I believe there's statutory relief and
- 7 legal fees provided under that particular
- 8 section.
- 9 Q. Do you know what statutory relief is
- 10 available under that statute?
- 11 A. I think it's about \$10,000, but I get
- 12 confused because I've got California Legal
- Remedies Act and a few others running around, so
- 14 it gets funky. I know in this case at one time
- 15 the Delaware Act was in and then it was removed
- 16 and it's hard to follow.
- 17 Q. It is. I mean, your lawyers have
- 18 brought claims against TrueLink under Kansas
- 19 law, Delaware law, and California law, right?
- 20 A. I don't know that that would be correct
- 21 at this point in time.
- Q. Well, no, at various times they've
- 23 brought various claims under various state laws;
- 24 isn't that true?
- 25 A. I think that was in response to

- defendant's answers, which basically said that,
- 2 in this instance, Delaware law didn't cover and
- 3 maybe the judge agreed or didn't agree and then
- 4 something got changed and reinserted. So, I
- 5 mean, it's not entirely my lawyers' decisions.
- In some cases, I think the court has shaped
- 7 which items have been put in or removed.
- 8 Q. Well, it's your lawyers' decisions to
- 9 decide what claims will be asserted, right?
- 10 A. Well, I think that's a decision we kind
- of all make together. I mean, we all discuss
- the facts of the case. And we think we're going
- to do this and do you agree or don't you agree,
- 14 and then my husband and I discuss and we say,
- okay, that's what we're going to do.
- 16 Q. Well, you testified earlier that it was
- 17 really the decision of your lawyers as to what
- 18 legal claims are brought. Are you now saying
- 19 that actually you and your husband are involved
- in that decision making as well?
- 21 A. Well, what I am saying is they decide
- 22 how to apply our facts to whatever.
- Q. Right. I mean, you and your husband
- have never had a conversation about deciding
- whether or not you're going to bring a claim

- 1 under California statute or Delaware statute or
- 2 Kansas statute, have you?
- 3 A. No, we don't have that kind of
- 4 conversation. But I'm sure my lawyer has called
- 5 me up and said these are your available options,
- 6 you know, we would recommend that you pursue
- 7 this option. So, then I either agree or I don't
- 8 agree or we agree or we don't agree and then we
- 9 go forward.
- 10 Q. Are you aware that there is a provision
- in the contract between TrueLink and your
- 12 husband that says what law governs any claims
- that might arise from that contract?
- 14 A. Yes, I am aware of that now, yeah.
- 15 O. Okay. When did you first become aware
- 16 of that?
- 17 A. I think it was after that -- we were
- 18 putting a lawsuit together that that, you know,
- 19 it's in the fine print. I mean, that agreement
- is how many paragraphs long, I think, you know,
- 21 20, 30, I don't know.
- Q. Did you ever read that agreement?
- 23 A. Yeah, I skimmed it.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. I mean, do you read every single

- 1 agreement that you get for every single piece of
- 2 software you ever install from top to bottom?
- 3 Q. I don't generally answer questions in a
- 4 deposition, but I'll tell you no. I don't. But
- 5 you know what, if I'm going to sue somebody on a
- 6 class-wide basis for it, yeah, I'm going to read
- 7 it.
- 8 MS. YEAGER: I'm going to object
- 9 to the --
- 10 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Are you seeking any
- 11 money for you and your husband as part of this
- 12 settlement?
- 13 A. Well, I believe there would be
- 14 statutory relief under the Kansas Consumer
- 15 Protect Act, and I believe there would be the
- 16 matter of the contract breach and the fees paid
- on behalf for the product that is the subject of
- 18 the breach.
- 19 Q. So, you want the money back that you
- 20 paid for the products that you're not satisfied
- 21 with; is that right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you want all the money back?
- 24 A. Well, yeah. For the class, yes, of
- 25 course.

- 1 Q. Well, right now I'm just asking about
- 2 you, we'll get to the class. Do you know how
- 3 much money you've paid TrueLink over the years?
- 4 A. I'm sure it's in one of those documents
- 5 somewhere that I've seen.
- Q. I haven't seen it, but.
- 7 A. I believe it was in your production,
- 8 it's the order management screen that's got all
- 9 the transactions on there.
- 10 Q. And do you want all -- do you want the
- 11 court to order that TrueLink must deliver all
- 12 that money back to you?
- 13 A. Well, I believe I've heard the legal
- 14 term referred to as "disengorgement," is that
- 15 how that works? When you make false claims and
- 16 entice people to buy something under false
- 17 pretenses, that you don't have the right to keep
- 18 the money that you've made as a result of those
- 19 false assertions, is that how that works? I
- 20 think.
- 21 Q. Is it your understanding that you
- 22 brought a claim for disgorgment against
- 23 TrueLink?
- 24 A. It's my understanding that the class
- 25 will get some kind of relief for the products

- 1 that they purchased that did not work. Now, how
- 2 much relief that is or is not is a determination
- 3 for the court to make or as a result of any
- 4 class action settlement, should there be one.
- 5 Q. Well, you would agree that there's some
- 6 value to the products that you've purchased from
- 7 TrueLink, right?
- 8 A. Well, I mean, the value that exists for
- 9 the product only exists in the fact that you're
- 10 viewing your consumer disclosure online. That,
- 11 you know, there's a convenience value in that
- 12 aspect of it. But it does not perform as it's
- advertised to perform in the fact that it does
- 14 not provide complete protection from identify
- 15 theft. It doesn't even provide basic protection
- 16 from identity theft.
- 17 O. Have you canceled the subscription that
- 18 Mr. Millett has with TrueLink for credit
- 19 monitoring?
- 20 A. I believe so. It's been canceled now.
- Q. Okay. And when did you cancel it?
- 22 A. I believe it was allowed to expire and
- 23 lapse, and the credit card that's in there was
- 24 expired and so you -- they have not been able to
- 25 place a new charge. So, I believe it lapsed in

- 1 and of its own accord. It's not like I called
- 2 somebody to cancel it.
- 3 Q. So, when did that occur?
- 4 A. I think the last charge was in November
- of 2006 and there hasn't been one since.
- 6 O. Why didn't you make effort to give a
- 7 new credit card so you can continue the credit
- 8 monitoring service?
- 9 A. Because there's no purpose in it.
- 10 Q. When did you come to the conclusion
- 11 that there was no purpose in purchasing the
- 12 credit monitoring service from TrueLink?
- 13 A. Well, I mean, it's been some time over
- 14 the course of the litigation. But, I mean, now
- that I know that it really doesn't even cover
- 16 for anything, then there was just no point in
- it, so I've discontinued it.
- 18 Q. And when did you learn that?
- 19 A. Like I said, that's been a evolving
- 20 process as new evidence has arised in this case
- 21 as we've gone along. But, I mean, there have
- been little things. But, I mean, getting the
- information, for example, that the -- that the
- 24 -- I'm drawing a blank here for a moment -- that
- 25 the Home Depot account had been relabeled and

- 1 that that information was still not presenting
- in the product. The fact that we had had false
- 3 alert triggers on and off throughout 2005, I
- 4 believe was the year that those were occurring
- 5 in. That it serves no purpose, so I just
- 6 discontinued it.
- 7 Q. Prior to November of 2006, you
- 8 discontinued it?
- 9 A. No. I didn't renew -- the last charge
- 10 was in November of 2006, and I've not placed a
- 11 new credit card in there.
- 12 Q. Was November 2006 when you came to the
- 13 conclusion that there was no purpose for
- 14 purchasing the credit monitoring service?
- 15 A. No. It was when I made the conscious
- decision to go in there and end it. TrueLink's
- 17 monitoring service is a negative opt-in. You
- 18 must specifically opt out or the subscription
- 19 continues automatically through no interference
- or whatever of your own.
- Q. Did you ever cancel it affirmatively?
- 22 A. What do you mean affirmatively?
- Q. Meaning what you just said, that you
- 24 called TrueLink and said cancel it?
- 25 A. I already answered that, and I said no.

- 1 I allowed the subscription to lapse by not
- 2 giving them a new credit card number with the
- 3 correct expiration date.
- 4 Q. Because you told the "New York Times"
- 5 reporter that there was some value to credit
- 6 monitoring, right?
- 7 A. I told the "New York Times" reporter
- 8 that it was the best tool available, but it was
- 9 not as advertised.
- 10 Q. Right. And that you had continued to
- 11 purchase the product, right?
- 12 A. Well, you still have to be able to look
- 13 at your credit report, sir.
- Q. Okay. So, when you had the
- 15 conversation with the reporter for the "New York
- 16 Times", you still thought that there was value
- in the credit monitoring service, right?
- 18 A. Not the monitoring service. There is
- value in having access to your credit report on
- an ongoing basis, especially when you already
- 21 know you're a victim of identity theft.
- 22 However, it is not complete identity theft
- 23 protection as is advertised.
- Q. Is that what TrueLink advertises?
- 25 A. I believe that's what was on their

- 1 product advertisement, complete protection from
- 2 identity theft.
- 3 Q. Do you want all the money that you ever
- 4 paid TrueLink back?
- 5 A. Well, at this point in time, I'd settle
- for the money for the product, because that's a
- 7 class-wide basis. But, technically on an
- 8 individual basis, they probably should reimburse
- 9 me for all the credit reports they made me
- 10 purchase by receiving blank alerts, but. You
- 11 know, for the betterment of the class, I'm
- 12 willing to forgo that if I have to.
- 13 Q. You're concerned about the class?
- 14 A. Oh, yes, I'm concerned about the class.
- 15 Q. What do you want to get for the class?
- 16 All those things that you described before?
- 17 A. You know, I want the company to
- disclose to people up front in big letters when
- 19 they purchase this product that, you know, you
- are not going to see everything for your Social
- 21 Security number, you are never going to see it,
- 22 and that we are legally going to sell credit
- 23 reports from our parent company for individuals
- 24 who are using your Social Security number
- 25 incorrectly.

I mean, really and truly. I mean, that

- 2 we are going to pick and choose which
- 3 information we're going to display to you in
- 4 your reports. And that if we, our parent
- 5 company, has made the decision to suppress that
- 6 information and keep it from you, that it will
- 7 not be displayed and you will not be made
- 8 notified of it.
- 9 That we may have more than one person
- 10 who has subscribed to credit monitoring using
- 11 your personal identifier, like your Social
- 12 Security number.
- I mean, these are things that could
- 14 have been disclosed up front in advance that
- were hidden behind deceptive marketing and
- 16 advertising that prey on people's fears and
- 17 weaknesses and assumptions about what credit
- bureaus do and don't do in their business model.
- I mean, do you know that the -- most of
- 20 the people that I've talked to are very confused
- when I tell them that there's allowed to be sold
- 22 multiple credit reports with the Social Security
- 23 number. They don't believe that that can
- happen.
- Q. If TrueLink agreed to do what you just

- described, would that satisfy you?
- 2 A. I'm sorry?
- 3 Q. If TrueLink agreed to make the
- 4 disclosures that you just described, would that
- 5 satisfy you?
- 6 A. It would go a long way towards
- 7 improving things, but that doesn't change the
- 8 fact that the people who have already purchased
- 9 the product have purchased the product that --
- 10 under the assertion by TrueLink that this was
- going to be complete identity theft protection.
- 12 Q. Are you aware of anybody other than you
- and your husband who are dissatisfied with
- 14 TrueLink's credit monitoring service for the
- 15 reasons that you just described?
- 16 A. There are a lot of people who are
- 17 dissatisfied. They're all over the web.
- 18 They're all over places like ripoffreport.com.
- 19 They're all over the place. Various forms,
- 20 there's a blog on "The Washington Post" about
- 21 identity theft where people have posted about
- 22 problems they have with their credit monitoring
- 23 products.
- Q. I understand that, ma'am. What I'm
- asking is the particular complaint that you

- 1 have, because, as you acknowledge, a lot of
- 2 people were surprised or confused by what you
- 3 had said. And I'm sure you're well aware of
- 4 this, I've seen your other depositions, you've
- 5 acknowledged that credit monitoring will alert
- 6 you to true name fraud, right?
- 7 MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 8 Foundation.
- 9 A. It should, but it does not work that
- 10 way.
- 11 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay.
- 12 A. And that's new evidence that's been
- discovered, and that goes back to the Home Depot
- 14 credit card which was relabeled with Steve's
- 15 name and address which was never alerted in the
- 16 product.
- Q. Well, with all due respect, ma'am, it's
- just speculation on your part that TransUnion
- 19 has this Home Depot trade line and they've
- 20 concealed it from you and TrueLink, right?
- 21 A. Actually, the Home Depot trade line is
- on the TU letter dated April 23rd, 2003, and we
- 23 have the subpoena information from the
- 24 furnishers of that data.
- Q. Okay, well, let's walk through this.

- 1 The letter said in April 2003 TransUnion advised
- 2 you that on Mr. Perez's credit file is a Home
- 3 Depot account, right?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And you've never seen the Home Depot
- 6 account on any file disclosure or any other
- 7 credit reporting product regarding your husband,
- 8 right?
- 9 A. I've seen inquiries, yes. Citibank,
- 10 NA, for the Home Depot account did in fact make
- inquiries on Steve's TransUnion reports.
- 12 Q. Okay. You've never seen the Home Depot
- 13 trade line on Mr. Millett's account, credit
- 14 file, right?
- 15 A. No, not on his actual consumer
- 16 disclosure, no.
- 17 O. You've seen it on other credit bureaus'
- 18 credit reports, right?
- 19 A. No. It's never appeared on Steve
- 20 Millett's credit report on any bureau.
- 21 Q. Okay. What evidence -- and if you
- don't have any, tell me that -- what evidence do
- you have to support your belief that TransUnion
- is maintaining a Home Depot account on your
- 25 husband's credit file?

- 1 A. The information from Monogram Bank,
- 2 subpoenas and the information from Citibank's
- 3 subpoenas, which show basically that they are
- 4 reporting that information. And if they've
- 5 reported it, they're reporting it to all three
- 6 bureaus. Because obviously it was on the TU
- 7 letter in '03, so if they were going to update
- 8 their reporting, I would assume that they would
- 9 update it at least the bureau that they sent the
- 10 letter for. So it's a reasonable assumption on
- 11 my part.
- 12 Q. Well, it's reasonable to assume that
- they're reporting it, but why do you believe
- 14 it's --
- 15 A. Because --
- 16 Q. If I can finish.
- 17 A. Okay, I'm sorry.
- 18 Q. Why do you believe it's showing up on
- 19 your husband's credit file?
- 20 A. Because it's now relabeled with Steve's
- 21 name and address and Social Security number,
- 22 which is supposed to be the three criteria that
- 23 they use to pull a consumer disclosure. And it
- 24 still has Abundio Perez's telephone number. And
- 25 that's the information we got directly from

- 1 those subpoenas.
- Q. Is that all the information you have to
- 3 support your contention that you believe
- 4 TransUnion is maintaining a Home Depot account
- on your husband's file?
- 6 A. Because I don't have the actual file
- from TransUnion, that has not been produced,
- 8 yes, that's all I have at this point. That and
- 9 a check from Home Depot that was mailed to our
- 10 house.
- 11 Q. Do you blame TrueLink for Mr. Perez's
- misuse of your husband's Social Security number?
- 13 A. I'm sorry?
- Q. Do you blame TrueLink for Mr. Perez's
- 15 misuse of your husband's Social Security number?
- 16 A. Well, to the extent that you're a
- 17 subsidiary of TransUnion, I would say probably I
- 18 blame the entire thing, yes, I would say.
- 19 Q. What -- okay, so you're not blaming
- TrueLink, but you're blaming TransUnion, right?
- 21 A. Of course.
- Q. Okay. And, of course, you dismissed
- your lawsuit against TransUnion, right?
- 24 A. No. The lawsuit from TransUnion was
- 25 changed into the lawsuit for TrueLink.

- 1 Q. What did TransUnion do or not do that
- 2 you think facilitated Mr. Perez's misuse of
- 3 yours husband's Social Security number?
- 4 A. They sold a credit report to Mr. Perez
- 5 quite abundantly. They sold a credit report for
- 6 Mr. Perez to each of the furnishers that's
- 7 listed on the TU letter.
- 8 Q. To your knowledge, have they done that
- 9 since August of 2003?
- 10 A. To my knowledge, they have contacted
- 11 repeatedly certain furnishers regarding
- 12 Mr. Abundio Perez's reported data because we
- have those in the subpoenas.
- Q. Do you -- this claim that you just
- described, do you think that that's pending in
- the lawsuit that you've filed against TrueLink?
- 17 A. Which claim?
- 18 Q. The claim that TrueLink, because
- they're a subsidiary of TransUnion, is
- 20 responsible for your husband's identity theft?
- 21 Do you think that claim is pending right now?
- A. No, I don't.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. This is strictly the -- this is
- 25 strictly about the contract breach of the

- 1 product for the credit monitoring.
- Q. Okay. So, for purposes of the
- 3 lawsuit --
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- 5 Q. -- you're not blaming TrueLink for the
- 6 misuse of your husband's Social Security number
- 7 that you discovered in 2003, right?
- 8 A. I'm blaming TrueLink for not reporting
- 9 the information about that Social Security
- 10 number misuse after August of 2003.
- 11 Q. Okay. You understand, or maybe you
- don't, but do you understand that TrueLink gets
- information from TransUnion to provide the
- 14 products to you and your husband?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. If in fact TransUnion did not
- 17 disclose the information to TrueLink, then you
- 18 can't blame TrueLink for not disclosing it to
- 19 you and your husband; isn't that correct?
- 20 A. Well, that would assume that you and
- 21 TransUnion had a truly separate relationship and
- 22 you were going out and buying information from a
- third party with which you had no relationship.
- 24 But since the two companies are interrelated and
- obviously have interrelated computer systems and

- operating systems, and apparently you guys even
- 2 share accounting systems, the idea that TrueLink
- 3 would not know what TransUnion was or was not
- 4 providing is information or what information
- 5 that TransUnion provided had available to
- 6 provide to it is a little bit incredulous to me.
- 7 Q. Did you or your husband ever advise
- 8 TrueLink that there was somebody out there
- 9 misusing your husband's Social Security number?
- 10 A. I believe TrueLink has seen the
- 11 Consumer Victims Statement on our consumer
- 12 disclosure and that that information is
- available to them. The consumer disclosure
- 14 clearly states at the top have been an identity
- theft victim, please contact me at my home if
- 16 any extensions or granting of credit, blah,
- 17 blah, and it gives a phone number.
- 18 Q. Well, the consumer statement doesn't
- mention Mr. Perez, does it?
- 20 A. Well, that's because TransUnion didn't
- 21 put it in. That's not how TransUnion puts that
- 22 information, but it's not like that is not a
- 23 standard consumer statement that you would not
- 24 be aware that that's not identity theft. I
- 25 mean, I'm sitting here -- I'm sitting here

- 1 wondering how you expect someone else to notify
- 2 you of information that you have internally
- 3 available to yourself.
- Q. Okay, I'm going to go back to my
- original question. You and your husband,
- 6 neither one of you have ever advised TrueLink
- 7 that you believe there's a Mr. Perez out there
- 8 who's opening up credit accounts with your
- 9 husband's Social Security number; isn't that
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. Well, I believe when we signed up for
- 12 the TrueLink product, we had to go through the
- 13 ICS process, because you couldn't activate the
- 14 credit report online. And because it had a
- 15 Consumer Victims Statement, you had to go
- through and extra verification process. So, to
- 17 that extent, I think they knew already at that
- 18 time that I was a victim of -- we were victims
- 19 of identity theft.
- Now, they did not specifically know
- 21 about Mr. Perez. In other words, I didn't
- 22 communicate that fact to them during that call.
- But, you know, to the extent that TransUnion
- 24 already had sent out that letter and had
- 25 received legal correspondence from Mr. Adler,

- the fact that TrueLink doesn't know that is a
- 2 little bit incredulous to myself. I mean, I
- 3 just -- I don't believe that.
- 4 Q. Well, putting aside your beliefs or
- 5 contentions, I'd like you to answer my question.
- 6 Which is that you never advised TrueLink that
- 7 Mr. Perez was misusing your husband's Social
- 8 Security number to open up credit accounts;
- 9 isn't that correct?
- 10 A. Well, I believed that I had, because
- 11 prior to the filing of this litigation, I
- 12 believed TrueLink and TransUnion were the same
- 13 entity.
- 14 Q. Okay. So you told TransUnion is what
- 15 you're saying?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. But you never told TrueLink,
- 18 right?
- 19 A. Well, I mean, from where I sit, I
- thought they were the same thing, so.
- Q. Okay. And you never sent the
- 22 TransUnion letter to TrueLink, right?
- 23 A. What do you mean I never sent the
- 24 TransUnion letter to TrueLink? Why would I send
- 25 the TransUnion letter to TrueLink?

- 1 Q. You didn't send it, right?
- 2 A. No, I did not.
- 3 Q. Okay. And you never called TrueLink
- 4 and said I was expecting to see accounts
- 5 relating to Mr. Perez on my husband's credit
- file and I didn't see it? You never made that
- 7 call to TrueLink, did you?
- 8 A. No, I didn't.
- 9 Q. Did you -- strike that.
- 10 I'm going to show you an exhibit,
- 11 Mrs. Millett.
- 12 (M. Millett Exhibit 9 was marked
- for identification by the reporter.)
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Mrs. Millett, I'm
- showing you what's been marked Exhibit No. 9,
- 16 which I -- which I'll represent to you is the
- 17 complaint that was filed in the district -- in
- 18 the federal court in the District of Kansas on
- 19 behalf of you and your husband suing the seven
- 20 companies that you identified previously.
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And you saw this before it was filed,
- 23 right?
- 24 A. Oh, yes.
- Q. And you made sure that it was accurate,

- 1 right?
- 2 A. Yep.
- 3 Q. Okay. Do you know what the Organized
- 4 Crime Control Act of 1970 is?
- 5 A. Are you talking about RICO?
- 6 Q. Yes.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Are you familiar with RICO?
- 9 A. Uh-huh.
- 10 Q. Okay. And are you aware that you
- 11 brought claims against these certain defendants
- 12 under RICO?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. But those claims were ultimately
- dropped by your lawyers, weren't they?
- 16 A. As the investigation wore on, yes.
- 17 Q. Well, it was actually much -- I mean,
- 18 it was only a few months after you first filed
- 19 this lawsuit, right?
- 20 A. Right, but the investigation was
- 21 ongoing at that time.
- Q. Okay. I want to -- are you generally
- familiar with the procedural course of all of
- the various lawsuits that you've filed against
- 25 all the various defendants?

- 1 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand what you
- 2 mean.
- 3 Q. Okay. You get all the pleadings that
- 4 were filed in this case?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. And you're aware that claims
- 7 were filed against certain defendants that were
- 8 voluntarily dismissed, right?
- 9 A. Or dropped, yeah.
- 10 Q. Yeah. You're also aware that claims
- 11 were filed in one court and then later filed in
- 12 another court, right?
- 13 A. For those claims where whatever the
- 14 contracts had specified jurisdictions then, yes,
- 15 those courts were moved.
- 16 Q. Okay. Were you disappointed when your
- 17 lawyers told you that they had to dismiss all
- 18 but one or two of the defendants from the
- 19 initial case and file separate cases in the same
- 20 court?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 22 Misstates the facts. Lack of foundation.
- 23 A. I'm sorry? Can I get the question
- 24 reread please?
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) You know what, I'll

- 1 withdraw it. Were you surprised when you
- 2 realized that you had to file multiple
- 3 complaints in multiple courts before you finally
- 4 got the right to take discovery and get the
- 5 court to rule on motions?
- 6 MS. YEAGER: Objection. Lack of
- 7 foundation. Misstates testimony. Misstates
- 8 facts. You can answer.
- 9 A. Okay, can I get the question read back?
- 10 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Well, hold on, I want
- 11 to address Ms. Yeager's objection that I
- 12 misstated facts. Are you aware that the first
- 13 lawsuit that was filed on behalf of you and
- 14 Mr. Millett by Barry Grissom and his colleagues
- was the lawsuit that's right before you,
- 16 Exhibit 9?
- 17 A. Yes, I'm aware of that.
- 18 Q. Okay. And then are you also aware that
- 19 a decision was made a few months later to
- 20 dismiss most of those defendants and sue them in
- 21 separate lawsuits?
- 22 A. I believe this action remained and
- 23 became the Equifax case.
- Q. Right. And you dismissed certain of
- 25 the defendants here from this case, and then you

- filed separate lawsuits against them?
- 2 A. They were refiled, yeah, I believe.
- 3 Q. Okay. Do you have an understanding as
- 4 to why only a few months after the initial
- 5 lawsuit was filed a decision was made to dismiss
- 6 some of these and refile the individual cases?
- 7 A. I know a decision was made. I can't
- 8 discuss the content of the decision -- of the
- 9 discussions that were made to get to this
- 10 decision.
- 11 Q. Were you disappointed that it slowed
- the progress of the litigation that that had to
- 13 occur?
- 14 A. The progress of the litigation is what
- the progress of the litigation is.
- 16 Q. Uh-huh.
- 17 A. I mean, am I disappointed every time
- 18 the court postpones something or extends
- 19 deadlines or, you know, we get a new judge and
- 20 they set up a new schedule, I mean, it is what
- 21 it is.
- Q. Uh-huh. And then once the individual
- lawsuits were brought in the District of Kansas,
- you learned that they had to be dismissed and
- 25 then filed in other courts, other parts of the

- 1 country, right?
- 2 A. I don't believe they were dismissed. I
- 3 believe some of them were transferred.
- 4 Q. Okay. Good point, they were
- 5 transferred. So, then the lawsuit in the
- 6 District of Kansas was over and you had to start
- 7 all over again in Georgia, in Delaware, in
- 8 California, right?
- 9 MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 10 Foundation. Misstates facts in evidence.
- 11 A. I don't characterize it as a starting
- over because it, like for example in the
- 13 Experian case, we already had all of those
- 14 subpoenas. So, the fact that it had move
- 15 California or moved from Kansas to California, I
- don't view that as necessarily starting over. I
- 17 didn't have to give back all the information
- 18 from the subpoenas.
- 19 O. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Did you ever have to
- 20 explain to your husband all of these various
- 21 procedural maneuvering in order to pursue the
- 22 claims?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 24 Misstates facts in evidence. Foundation.
- 25 A. Do you mean did I tell him that the

- 1 case moved to California or the case moved to
- 2 Delaware or the case moved to Georgia? Yes, I
- 3 did tell him those.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay. And did you tell
- 5 him that's because the contract that you sued on
- 6 required you to sue in those cases -- in those
- 7 courts?
- 8 A. We probably discussed that, but he may
- 9 not have gotten -- grasped all the nuances
- 10 associated with that.
- 11 Q. Uh-huh. Did he ever ask, well, why
- 12 didn't we just sue in those courts originally?
- 13 A. No, he did not ask that question.
- 14 Q. I count there's 13 counts or 13 claims
- in the complaint which is marked Exhibit No. 9.
- 16 You can -- I can point you to particular pages,
- 17 but do you recall that you had common claims
- against Equifax, TransUnion and Experian?
- 19 A. I'd have to review it.
- Q. Okay. Why don't we take --
- 21 A. I haven't look looked at this since,
- 22 what, 2004 I believe.
- O. Okay. Well, let me direct your
- 24 attention to Page 9. Well, actually, strike
- 25 that. I mean, page -- well, let me direct your

- 1 attention to Page 5. There's a heading there --
- 2 A. Uh-huh.
- 3 Q. -- that says, quote, "Opt-in class
- 4 action Class 1." Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yep.
- 6 Q. Do you know what an "opt-in class
- 7 action" is?
- 8 A. I believe that's where the class
- 9 members have to opt in.
- 10 Q. Okay. And the class action that you
- 11 brought against TrueLink, is that an opt-in
- 12 class that you're seeking?
- 13 A. I believe it's an opt-out class.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. Don't you specifically have to opt out
- of the class? I think so.
- 17 Q. Okay. Did you decide that you should
- 18 go from the opt-in class to an opt-out class
- 19 against TrueLink?
- 20 MS. YEAGER: Objection to the
- 21 extent it calls for attorney-client privilege.
- MR. O'NEIL: I'm just asking if
- 23 she's decided it.
- 24 A. I don't -- how could I -- I don't --
- 25 someone would have to sit down and explain to me

- all the nuances of an opt-in versus an opt-out,
- 2 so.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) And no one has, right?
- 4 A. I'm sure it's been discussed.
- Q. Okay.
- 6 A. But as I sit here today, I cannot
- 7 recollect that, so.
- 8 Q. Okay, I go back to my question. Did
- 9 you decide that you would file an opt-in class
- or an opt-out class action?
- 11 A. How would I make that decision? I'm a
- 12 regular person.
- 13 Q. Ma'am, I'm just asking if you did.
- 14 It's really a yes or no question.
- 15 A. Well, it's not really a yes or no
- 16 question, because if I don't understand the
- nature of the question, then I can't answer yes
- or no. Because I don't know if I'm making the
- 19 correct answer or not making the correct answer.
- Q. Okay. What don't understand the about
- 21 the question? Here's the question and let me
- 22 know if you don't understand it. You filed an
- opt-in class action in July of 2004, right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you make that decision?

- 1 A. I believe the -- which claims were
- 2 included was a discussion that my lawyers had,
- 3 in terms of which claims were going to be
- 4 brought within the lawsuit.
- 5 Q. I don't want to know about your
- 6 discussions with your lawyers. Did you make the
- 7 decision to bring an opt-in class action?
- 8 MS. YEAGER: Objection. Asked
- 9 and answered.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) You can answer.
- 11 A. Well, to the extent that I signed the
- 12 complaint, I guess so, but, you know.
- 0. Okay. And when you filed I think --
- 14 what's the latest -- the fourth amended
- 15 complaint against TrueLink, which has an opt-out
- 16 class, did you make the decision to make that an
- opt-out class as opposed to an opt-sin class?
- MS. YEAGER: To the extent it
- 19 calls for attorney-client privilege, I'll
- object.
- 21 A. I didn't make the decision. That would
- 22 be one of those things where your attorney comes
- and says these are your options, this is what we
- 24 want to pursue, this is what we recommend and
- 25 then you, as the client, go yay or nay. But to

- the extent that I signed the complaint, yes, I
- 2 guess I did ultimately make the decision.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) But you don't
- 4 understand the nuances between, the differences
- between, an opt-in class and an opt-out class,
- 6 right?
- 7 MS. YEAGER: Objection. Asked
- 8 and answered.
- 9 A. I understand the basics, sir. I don't
- 10 understand all of the legal ramifications of
- 11 what constitutes one or the other.
- 12 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Let me direct your
- attention to a couple of pages and I'll have a
- 14 question after I -- Page 6. At the bottom
- there, there's a heading that's entitled "Class"
- 16 Action Allegations Conversion Defendants
- 17 Equifax, TransUnion and Experian." Do you see
- 18 that?
- 19 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Do you recall that your class action
- 21 allegations regarding your conversion claim
- 22 against Equifax, TransUnion, Experian were all
- 23 part of the same numbered paragraphs in the
- 24 complaint?
- 25 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand that

- 1 question.
- Q. Okay. Well, then I'll withdraw it.
- 3 Let me take your attention to Page 9. Do you
- 4 see the heading there "Class Action Allegations
- 5 Common Law Breach of Contract Defendants
- 6 Equifax, TransUnion, Experian"? Do you see
- 7 that, ma'am?
- 8 A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. And then Paragraph 32, as an example,
- 10 states, quote, "Plaintiffs bring this action
- 11 against Defendants Equifax, TransUnion and
- 12 Experian, under the common law of the state of
- 13 Kansas as a class action."
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. And then goes on to say, "Defendants,
- 16 Equifax, TransUnion and Experian breached the
- 17 express and implied terms of the contract for
- sale of the plaintiffs and other members of the
- 19 class through the following acts," and then it
- 20 has a number of paragraphs.
- 21 A. Yep.
- Q. Do you see that, ma'am?
- 23 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Great.
- 25 A. Yes, I do.

- 1 Q. Okay. And then Page 11 there's a
- 2 heading "Class Action Allegations Fraud and
- 3 Negligence Defendants Equifax, TransUnion
- 4 Experian." Do you see that, ma'am?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And then in Paragraph 38, it refers to
- 7 common questions of law and fact arising in this
- 8 action, as an example, subparagraph A, "Whether
- 9 the conduct of defendants Equifax, TransUnion
- 10 Experian, and then it goes on. Do you see
- 11 that, ma'am?
- 12 A. Yeah.
- 13 Q. Okay. Is this refreshing your
- 14 recollection that certain of the claims that you
- 15 were bringing against -- well, actually, I think
- 16 strike that. All of the claims that you were
- 17 bringing against TransUnion, Experian and
- 18 Equifax were all the same?
- 19 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. Because you had bought the same
- 21 types of products and you thought they had
- failed in the same way, right?
- 23 A. Well, I mean, they have similar
- failures, yes. I don't know that I'd use the
- word "same".

- 1 Q. So you'd use the word "similar" but not
- 2 "same"?
- 3 A. Correct.
- Q. Bear with me, Mrs. Millett. Now, the
- 5 claims that you brought against Bank of America
- and Ford Motor were not class action claims,
- 7 correct?
- 8 A. No, those were specific claims I
- 9 believe.
- 10 Q. And what do you mean by that, "specific
- 11 claims"?
- 12 A. They were specific claims to us I
- 13 believe, when they were refiled at least.
- 14 Q. You have a case pending against
- 15 Experian Information Solutions; isn't that
- 16 correct, ma'am?
- 17 A. I believe so, and I believe
- 18 consumerinfo.com is also on that suit too.
- 19 Q. Okay. Let me show you the complaint,
- 20 you're absolutely right. Let me hand you what's
- 21 been marked Millett Exhibit No. 10.
- 22 (M. Millett Exhibit 10 was marked
- for identification by the reporter.)
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Which has a stamp
- 25 indicating it was filed with the U.S. District

- 1 Court in Los Angeles on October 17, 2006.
- 2 A. Well, it says it was lodged on the
- 3 16th, but.
- 4 Q. Good point, I was looking at it says
- 5 filed below on the 17th, but. I think the way
- 6 it works is nowadays you can -- well, it doesn't
- 7 matter.
- 8 To your knowledge, is this the pending
- 9 complaint that you've filed against Experian and
- 10 consumerinfo.com?
- 11 A. Well, I'd have to read through it from
- 12 end to end to verify word for word that it's the
- 13 exact complaint, but.
- 14 Q. Is that because you have the pending
- 15 complaint memorized, so that's how you can do
- 16 that?
- 17 A. No, it's because -- it's because these
- 18 pleadings have changed significantly. So, while
- 19 I review each pleading, for me to sit there an
- 20 say this is the latest pleading, I'd have to
- 21 read it and go through it to say yes it is or no
- 22 it is not.
- Q. Well, handwriting indicates this is the
- 24 fourth amended complaint?
- 25 A. Okay.

- 1 Q. Do you understand that means that this
- is the fifth complaint that you've tried to
- 3 allege against Experian and CSC?
- 4 MS. YEAGER: Objection. Lack of
- 5 foundation. Misstates facts.
- 6 A. That's not my understanding.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) What's your
- 8 understanding?
- 9 A. My understanding that -- is that as new
- 10 facts or evidence or understanding as derived,
- 11 that complaints have changed or claims have been
- 12 altered or changed to suit the circumstances
- that are now present.
- Q. And this is the fifth one that you've
- 15 brought against Experian CIC, right?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 17 Foundation. Misstates facts not in evidence.
- 18 A. I believe it's the fourth one against
- 19 Experian Information Solutions and CIC. I
- 20 believe the original litigation that was filed
- in Kansas was against Experian Information
- 22 Solutions and did not include CSC at all -- or
- 23 not CSC, but consumerinfo.com, I'm sorry, I get
- 24 my acronyms screwed up.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) There's quite a few. I

- can represent to you and you can take a look at
- 2 it, it appears that there's two legal claims
- 3 being brought in this lawsuit. The first one is
- 4 on Page 12, or at least begins on Page 12. It
- 5 says, there's a heading there at the bottom
- 6 "Count I Consumer Legal Remedies Act."
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And do you have an understanding of
- 9 what that claim is based upon?
- 10 A. That is the --
- 11 MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 12 Relevance.
- 13 A. That is the California Consumer Legal
- 14 Remedies Act.
- 15 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay. And then if I
- 16 could direct your attention, Mrs. Millett, to
- 17 Page 18, the bottom there, says "Count II --"
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. "Breach of contract."
- 20 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And I'll represent to you those are the
- only two counts that I see in this complaint.
- 23 Is it your understanding that the pending
- 24 complaint you have against Experian and CIC is
- one under the California statute, and two for

- 1 breach of contract?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 3 Relevance.
- 4 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand the
- 5 question. Are you talking about before or after
- 6 the' courts ruling?
- 7 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Well, I understand the
- 8 court dismissed certain of these claims.
- 9 A. Okay.
- 10 Q. Right. The court dismissed your breach
- of contract claim, right?
- 12 A. No, not in its entirely.
- 13 Q. Okay, just one part of it. I guess
- 14 what I'm asking is, the court dismissed the
- 15 California statutory claim, right?
- 16 A. I believe so. But in the ruling when
- they dismissed it, I believe the judge didn't
- 18 specifically reference -- he dismissed it, but
- 19 he didn't specifically answer it in his
- judgement as to why it was dismissed.
- 21 Q. So, as you sit here, you don't know the
- 22 reasons that he offered for why he dismissed
- 23 your California statutory claims?
- 24 A. I don't think they were given. But, I
- 25 mean, my recollection could be faulty as I sit

- 1 here. But I think that that's one of the big
- 2 issues with that particular aspect of that
- dismissal, was that the portion of the
- 4 California Legal Remedies Act were dismissed and
- 5 no reason for the dismissal was given.
- 6 Q. Okay. But the point is they were
- 7 dismissed, right?
- 8 A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. Okay. And then your counsel then asked
- 10 the court to reconsider its decision, right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 13 Relevance.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) And that motion was
- 15 denied, right?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 17 Relevance.
- 18 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) And so the only claim
- 20 you have pending against Experian now is a
- 21 partial breach of contract claim, right?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 23 Relevance. May I have an ongoing objection?
- MR. CLOON: You have a standing
- 25 objection.

- 1 MR. O'NEIL: I gave it to you
- 2 before.
- 3 MS. YEAGER: Thank you.
- A. I'm sorry, can I have the question read
- 5 back?
- 6 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Yeah, I'll -- it's your
- 7 understanding that what remains now, because the
- 8 California statutory claim was dismissed, is the
- 9 claim for breach of contract against Experian
- 10 and CIC, right?
- 11 A. And I believe it's a very specific
- 12 breach of contract claim relating to the 30-day
- 13 renewal notice provision.
- Q. Because the other breach of contract
- 15 claims you brought were dismissed by the judge,
- 16 right?
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 MR. O'NEIL: Okay, I think we
- 19 have to change the tape again, so let's go off
- the record.
- 21 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going
- off the record at 11:33 AM.
- 23 (Recess.)
- 24 VIDEOGRAPHER: The time now is
- 25 11:42 AM and we are back on the record. You may

- 1 continue.
- 2 MR. O'NEIL: Thank you.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Mrs. Millett, I'm
- 4 handing you what's been marked as Exhibit No.
- 5 11, which is a document that was produced by
- 6 your lawyers in this case.
- 7 A. Yep.
- 8 Q. I know that you have provided testimony
- 9 regarding this document before, so I'll be
- 10 brief.
- 11 (M. Millett Exhibit 11 was marked
- for identification by the reporter.)
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Did you prepare what's
- been marked as Exhibit No. 11?
- 15 A. Yes, we did.
- 16 Q. You said "we", did somebody else help
- 17 you prepare this?
- 18 A. No, I prepared it, but my husband was
- 19 aware of it.
- Q. Oh, okay. And what was your purpose
- 21 for preparing it?
- 22 A. The purpose for preparing it was to
- provide it to Senator Brownback's and Roberts'
- office for some stuff that they had going up on
- 25 Capital Hill at that time.

- 1 Q. Okay. And do you recall -- you
- 2 forwarded it on to those Congressmen?
- 3 A. Yes. They're senators actually.
- Q. Okay. Senators hate to admit it, but
- 5 technically Senators are Congressmen, too. But
- 6 in any event, do you recall when you prepared
- 7 this, Mrs. Millett?
- 8 A. I want to say it was some time in 2004
- 9 or late 2003, but I don't know the exact date
- 10 now anymore.
- 11 Q. Okay. And is the information contained
- in Exhibit 11 accurate?
- 13 A. It's accurate as of the time it was
- 14 produced.
- 15 O. Okay. Do you believe that there's now
- 16 -- it's now inaccurate?
- 17 A. Well, no, there are facts that have
- 18 been changed or altered by the arrival of new
- 19 evidence and information in this case. So,
- 20 there are things in here that what we knew at
- 21 that time are not as -- they're not infactual,
- 22 but they've been altered.
- Q. Okay. And as is indicated in
- Exhibit 11, in approximately January 2003, you
- 25 requested the credit files regarding your

- 1 husband from each of the three major credit
- bureaus, do you recall that?
- 3 A. Yeah. I also requested Abundio Perez's
- 4 credit report too.
- 5 Q. Yeah, and you didn't get that, did you?
- 6 A. No, I did not.
- 7 Q. But you did get some information from
- 8 TransUnion that was helpful in your
- 9 investigation of Mr. Perez's misuse of your
- 10 husband's Social Security number, right?
- 11 MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 12 Foundation.
- 13 A. I don't recall providing somebody a
- 14 list of accounts that tells you that you need to
- dispute with each furnisher exactly helpful.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay. So, you didn't
- get any helpful information from TransUnion? Is
- 18 that your testimony?
- 19 A. No, that's not the testimony. I got
- 20 information from TransUnion. The information
- 21 was not helpful because the information did not
- 22 contain the account numbers for the accounts in
- 23 question, which meant I every time I called one
- of those furnishers, I had to go through three
- 25 days of agony, pain and whatever just to try to

- get to the bottom of what accounts he actually
- 2 had for those furnishers. And, in some cases,
- 3 those furnishers had five, six, seven, eight or
- 4 nine different accounts associated with them,
- 5 and it would have been helpful to know that
- 6 information.
- 7 Q. What -- how did you get the information
- 8 regarding what furnishers to contact?
- 9 A. I got that information from the TU
- 10 letter. But that required the retainer --
- 11 retention of a lawyer and \$1,750 worth of legal
- 12 fees to get that letter.
- Q. Well, how do you know that?
- 14 A. What?
- 15 Q. How do you know that you had to get a
- lawyer before you could get the information from
- 17 TransUnion?
- 18 A. Because TU didn't give me that letter
- in January when I called. They didn't give that
- 20 -- give me that letter until Adler sent them a
- 21 letter intending to sue in April of 2003
- 22 certified mail.
- Q. So, if you testified elsewhere that the
- information from TransUnion was helpful, would
- 25 that have been false testimony?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Oh, okay.
- 3 A. The information was somewhat helpful,
- 4 but, you know, I don't -- you're trying to
- 5 characterize it as, you know, TransUnion is
- 6 being altruistically helpful, and they're just
- 7 giving this information to me of their own free
- 8 will, and I don't see it that way.
- 9 Q. I don't think that's what I asked you,
- 10 but. Let me make sure I understand. The
- information was helpful in investigating
- 12 Mr. Perez's misuse of your Social Security
- 13 number; isn't that correct?
- 14 A. Yes, the information was somewhat
- 15 helpful, yes.
- 16 Q. And TransUnion didn't charge you
- anything for that information; isn't that
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. TransUnion didn't charge me anything
- 20 for the information?
- 21 Q. Right.
- 22 A. No, TransUnion did not charge me
- 23 anything to send that letter, but it cost me
- 24 money.
- Q. The letter cost you money?

- 1 A. Sure it did. I didn't get any
- 2 information from them until I hired a lawyer who
- 3 threatened to sue them.
- 4 Q. And was this threat in writing?
- 5 A. I believe Adler sent letters saying
- 6 that he was going to be seeking legal action if
- 7 they did not respond and provide the
- 8 information, so at that point the letter was
- 9 provided.
- 10 Q. And TransUnion provided the information
- 11 that Experian and Equifax refused to provide,
- 12 right?
- 13 A. I had not gotten a similar letter from
- 14 Equifax or Experian at that point, no.
- 15 Q. Well, you've testified before that when
- Mr. Adler made the same request of Experian and
- 17 Equifax, that they refused, right?
- 18 A. They did not provide the information,
- 19 yes.
- Q. Okay. And that testimony was accurate
- 21 when you testified previously, correct?
- 22 A. Yeah.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Let me show you what's been marked

- 1 Exhibit No. 12, another document that was
- 2 produced by your lawyers in this case.
- 3 (M. Millett Exhibit 12 was marked
- 4 for identification by the reporter.)
- 5 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Do you recognize
- 6 Exhibit No. 12?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 O. And what is it?
- 9 A. This is the consumer disclosure for
- 10 Steven G. Millett for January 28, 2003.
- 11 Q. And Mr. Adler didn't request this, you
- 12 did, right?
- 13 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Okay. And you were making that request
- as an agent of your husband, right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. And did you review it when you
- 18 received it?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Is that your handwriting on the first
- 21 page of the document?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. What's a -- do you know, what did you
- intend by the reference at the top there "10
- 25 years 1993-IRS"?

- 1 A. Well, you know, one of the things that
- 2 happens to you, as I was going through the
- investigation, I'm on the phone with somebody, I
- don't have a piece of paper, so that's the note
- from the Internal Revenue Service when I
- 6 contacted them, that said that they had tax
- 7 returns going back to 1993 for Abundio Perez.
- 8 Q. Did you ever request information from
- 9 the IRS?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Did they give it to you?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. You requested information regarding
- 14 Mr. Perez from the IRS; is that correct?
- 15 A. I requested copies of Mr. Perez's tax
- 16 returns, yes.
- 17 Q. And they refused to give it to you,
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. They refused to give it to me.
- Q. Okay. Is that your handwriting on the
- 21 bottom of the first page of Exhibit No. 12?
- 22 A. Yes, it sure is.
- Q. And do you recall what that's a
- 24 reference to?
- 25 A. It's probably some consumer relations

- 1 department I had to call.
- 2 O. You're aware that TransUnion has what's
- 3 called a Fraud Victims Assistance Department,
- 4 right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Have you ever contacted that department
- 7 at TransUnion?
- 8 A. I believe I have.
- 9 Q. Okay. And what was the purpose for
- 10 your contact with the FVAD?
- 11 A. I've had numerous contacts with them, I
- 12 guess, over the period of the course of the
- investigations.
- Q. What was the purpose of your contacts?
- 15 A. Well, I mean, the purpose of the
- 16 contacts was to discuss, well, in some cases
- 17 like for example there were inquiries being
- generated by some of Abundio Perez's furnishers
- on Steve Millett's credit report. And I had
- 20 called and specifically asked them to stop
- 21 giving his credit report to the fraudulent
- 22 account holders.
- 23 Q. Uh-huh.
- 24 A. There was one phone conversation with
- 25 the Fraud Victim Assistance Unit in which, when

- 1 I got the TU letter in particular, where I
- 2 called them and wanted to understand why they
- 3 didn't provide the account numbers and
- 4 information contained therein. I mean, they
- 5 gave me the furnishers, but they didn't give me
- 6 the account numbers.
- 7 Q. When's the last time you had any
- 8 conversations with any representative of
- 9 TransUnion, any employee of TransUnion?
- 10 A. Well, I don't know when the last time
- 11 was we met with Amanda.
- 12 Q. Putting that aside, because Amanda's
- not an employee of TransUnion. When's the last
- 14 time you called, telephoned, TransUnion about
- 15 anything? Well, strike that. You know
- 16 TransUnion has got their Fraud Victims
- 17 Assistance Department, right?
- 18 A. Yeah.
- 19 Q. When's the last time you called them?
- 20 A. I mean, sitting here, I can't recall
- 21 the exact date. I mean, I've called them, but I
- 22 would say probably by the time we had retained
- 23 Barry, I probably had stopped calling the Fraud
- 24 Victims Assistance Department by then.
- 25 Q. Okay. And then TransUnion never

- 1 charged you for your requests and their response
- 2 to the Fraud Victim Assistance Department,
- 3 right?
- 4 A. No, those are services that they
- 5 provide under the Fair Credit Reporting Act for
- 6 disputes.
- 7 Q. For free, right?
- 8 A. Well, I'm assuming that they have some
- 9 cost associated with them as far as internally,
- 10 but.
- 11 Q. Well, obviously, Mrs. Millett, I'm not
- 12 asking you about TransUnion's internal costs.
- 13 I'm asking a very simple question, which really
- just is a yes or no answer. Did TransUnion
- charge you for your dealings with them?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 O. The second page of Exhibit 12 has
- what's called a "Consumer Statement" on it.
- 19 A. Yep.
- 20 Q. Did you ask TransUnion that that
- 21 consumer statement be put in the file?
- 22 A. Yes. Either I or Mr. Adler. It
- depends on -- well, this one is 1/28, so this
- one's me, this is the 30-day alert or 90-day
- 25 alert or whatever. There was later a seven-year

- 1 alert added, so that's a different animal.
- Q. You think this is a 90-day alert?
- 3 A. This is a 90-day consumer statement.
- 4 They fall off after 90 days.
- 5 Q. Okay. And what's the basis for that
- 6 statement?
- 7 A. What?
- 8 Q. That you believe they fall off in 90
- 9 days?
- 10 A. Because when you call the credit
- 11 bureaus and you do not request it in writing,
- the fraud alert that is added to your file is
- only good for 90 days. You must request in
- writing a seven-year fraud alert.
- 15 O. Did you ever do that?
- 16 A. What? Request a seven-year fraud
- 17 alert? Yes, I did.
- 18 Q. In writing?
- 19 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. To TransUnion?
- 21 A. I didn't write it, my lawyers did.
- Q. Which one?
- 23 A. It's in some of the legal
- 24 correspondence somewhere. I believe it was
- conversations with Amanda or whatever, the

- 1 seven-year alert was put on.
- Q. Okay, we're getting confused here. Did
- 3 you ever write to TransUnion and ask that a
- 4 seven-year fraud alert be put on your husband's
- 5 file?
- 6 A. No, I have not.
- 7 Q. Okay. Did any of your lawyers ever
- 8 write to TransUnion and ask that a seven-year
- 9 fraud alert be put on the file?
- 10 A. I believe that that conversation has
- occurred, yes.
- 12 Q. Conversation?
- 13 A. Well, I mean, I believe it happened in
- 14 the room. Amanda was physically at the legal
- 15 office.
- Q. Were you in the room?
- 17 A. Yes, I sure was.
- 18 Q. But it wasn't in writing?
- 19 A. I don't know if my lawyer sent Amanda
- an e-mail or not to follow-up.
- Q. Okay. Did you -- the consumer
- 22 statement on Page 2 of Exhibit No. 12 is
- obviously has, you know, it says, "Potential
- 24 Fraud Victim Alert," and goes on. Did you draft
- 25 that? Did you ask that TransUnion put this

- 1 particular language --
- 2 A. No, this is stock language. They do
- 3 this for everybody.
- 4 Q. You say they do this for everybody,
- 5 what does that mean?
- 6 A. Anybody -- if you were to call their
- 7 800 number, type in your Social Security number,
- 8 verify some identifying pieces of information,
- 9 press option one, this alert would appear on
- 10 your credit file.
- 11 Q. Are you also aware that you have a
- 12 right to put 100-word statement on your file
- 13 that you can write?
- 14 A. Yes, I'm aware of that, but that's not
- what's been done. This has been done by the
- 16 system.
- 17 Q. You've never prepared a unique
- 18 statement and asked that TransUnion put it on
- 19 your husband's file; is that right?
- 20 A. On my husband's file, that is correct.
- 21 Q. Have you prepared a unique statement
- and asked that it be put on your file?
- 23 A. Yes. That would be a correct
- 24 statement.
- Q. And what does that statement say?

- 1 A. I don't know. I haven't looked the at
- it in probably ten years, so I don't even know
- 3 if it's still on there or not. It's been quite
- 4 a while.
- 5 Q. I'm not asking if it's on there. I'm
- 6 asking what was the statement that you asked
- 7 that TransUnion put on your file?
- 8 A. It's very similar in nature to this,
- 9 but I don't know the exact wording because I
- 10 haven't looked at it in ten years.
- 11 Q. I won't ask you for the exact wording.
- 12 But what -- so you claim to be a victim of
- identity theft ten years ago?
- 14 A. No. It was not identity theft. I was
- having problems with an ex-husband.
- 16 Q. Okay, well, you said it's the same as
- this, and this says, quote, "My identifying
- information may have been stolen." That's not
- 19 what your statement says?
- 20 A. It's a consumer statement, so it's the
- 21 same as this.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. It's in the same box on the credit
- 24 report.
- 25 Q. The consumer statement has a phone

- 1 number there, do you see that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What phone number is that?
- 4 A. That's our home phone number.
- 5 Q. Okay. Has any credit grantor ever
- 6 telephoned you at home saying that we want to
- 7 extend credit to Mr. Millett, but we were told
- 8 we had to contact you first?
- 9 A. No. Someone's called us at home and
- 10 said we're verifying a credit application that
- 11 you've made.
- 12 Q. Oh, okay. To your knowledge, has the
- presence of this statement on Mr. Millett's file
- 14 ever made it more difficult for him to get
- 15 credit?
- 16 A. Yes, it has.
- 17 Q. Now, do you blame TrueLink for that?
- 18 A. I'm sorry?
- 19 Q. Do you blame TrueLink for the fact that
- 20 it was more difficult for Mr. Millett to get
- 21 credit because of the consumer statement that
- 22 you put on his file?
- 23 A. Why would I -- why is that even -- why
- 24 -- no.
- 25 Q. When you reviewed -- did Mr. Millett

- 1 review this credit report when --
- 2 A. I'm sure he's seen it at some point in
- 3 time.
- Q. Okay. Did you note that there were any
- 5 errors in this report when you reviewed in
- 6 January 2003?
- 7 A. The only error -- the only thing we had
- 8 questions about and that we didn't -- but we
- 9 didn't have questions at this time, so disputes
- 10 were not made at that time, were some questions
- 11 relating to -- information relating to Farmers
- 12 Insurance Group, because that was also Abundio
- 13 Perez's insurer.
- Q. Really?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. How do you know that?
- 17 A. Because I have documents from the
- 18 subpoenas that show that, from Ford Motor Credit
- in fact, that showed that Farmers Insurance was
- one of the insurance carriers of Abundio Perez.
- Q. Okay. Well, but you didn't dispute it
- in January 2003, right?
- A. I didn't dispute it in January of 2003
- 24 because I wouldn't get those documents until
- 25 later of 2004.

- 1 Q. Well, let me turn your attention to
- 2 Page 2, it has the Farmers inquiries.
- 3 A. I understand that, but we also had
- 4 Farmers Insurance at that time.
- 5 Q. Oh.
- 6 A. So, in other words, I don't know by
- 7 looking at this whether or not this inquiry
- 8 relates to Steve Millett's -- they're looking
- 9 for Steve Millett or they're looking for Abundio
- 10 Perez.
- 11 Q. Okay. So, when you saw this in January
- 12 2003 and you saw the inquiries from Farmers
- 13 Insurance, you assumed that that was because you
- 14 had been doing business with Farmers, right?
- 15 A. We assumed that, but that may not be
- 16 the case any longer.
- 17 Q. Have you ever subpoenaed Farmers
- 18 Insurance?
- 19 A. I'm not sure, but I'm pretty sure that
- 20 I think that some of the insurance companies had
- 21 received subpoenas, but I'm not sure which ones.
- 22 Q. And if you got documents from those
- subpoenas, you would have seen them, right?
- 24 A. Right. But some of the companies had
- destroyed their documents, so by the time the

- 1 subpoenas issued, in some cases, there were no
- documents to get, so...
- 3 Q. But, as you sit here, you don't have
- 4 any knowledge that these inquiries from Farmers
- were prompted by an application by Mr. Perez,
- 6 right?
- 7 A. Well, that's why I was asking earlier
- 8 about the master file, because that will tell
- 9 you which information -- what this information
- 10 was released for.
- 11 Q. Really?
- 12 A. Yeah.
- 13 Q. That's your understanding?
- 14 A. My understanding --- well, yeah, they
- 15 keep a record of each inquiry and what
- information was used to generate that inquiry.
- 17 Because the inquiries have to appear for two
- 18 years.
- 19 Q. Have you ever seen an inquiry on
- 20 Mr. Millett's file that you know was a result of
- 21 an application made by Mr. Perez?
- 22 A. The answer to that would have to be no.
- 23 But that does not mean there have not been
- inquiries on Mr. Millett's file relating to
- 25 accounts belonging to Mr. Perez.

- 1 (M. Millett Exhibit 13 was marked
- 2 for identification by the reporter.)
- 3 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Mrs. Millett, I'm
- 4 handing you what has been marked as Exhibit 13,
- 5 which is another set of documents that were
- 6 produced by your lawyers in this case. It's
- 7 actually two documents, one is a letter to
- 8 Mr. Millett dated April 10th, 2003, from
- 9 TransUnion?
- 10 A. Uh-huh.
- 11 Q. The second is a letter from TransUnion
- to Mr. Millett dated April 23, 2003. Do you see
- 13 that?
- A. Uh-huh.
- 15 Q. And you saw these documents and they
- were received by your husband in April of 2003,
- 17 right?
- 18 A. Yep.
- 19 Q. Is that your handwriting on the first
- 20 page, ma'am?
- 21 A. Sure, it is.
- Q. Okay. And could you read the first
- handwriting notation on that page?
- 24 A. "Fraud alert not to be added to
- 25 fraudulent file, nor will file be deleted."

- 1 Q. Okay. Is this information that you got
- 2 from TransUnion?
- 3 A. What?
- 4 Q. That the fraud alert would not be added
- 5 to the fraudulent file, nor will the file be
- 6 deleted?
- 7 A. I believe that probably came from the
- 8 Victims Assistance Department.
- 9 Q. Okay. So, it wasn't information that
- 10 you got from Mr. Adler, it was information you
- got directly from TransUnion?
- 12 A. I believe so.
- 13 Q. Okay. So, do you recall contacting
- 14 TransUnion when you got these letters?
- 15 A. Around the time frames, yeah.
- Q. Okay. You didn't have to pay your
- 17 lawyer to calls TransUnion, you just did it
- 18 yourself, right?
- 19 A. Yeah.
- Q. And then what's the second handwriting
- on that page, ma'am?
- 22 A. "Files are split. Fraud alerts do not
- 23 work."
- Q. And what does that mean?
- 25 A. It means that during this time period

- 1 Abundio Perez actually got another automobile
- loan because they didn't even get the fraud
- 3 alert.
- 4 Q. How did you discover that?
- 5 A. Well, that -- huh?
- 6 Q. How did you discover that?
- 7 A. Because we were talking to Ford Motor
- 8 Credit at this point in time.
- 9 Q. And Ford Motor told you what?
- 10 A. That they were -- that they told us
- 11 that the only fraud alert that they had in their
- 12 file was on the reports they were receiving for
- our accounts, that they did not have a fraud
- 14 alert on their account -- for their other
- 15 accounts for Abundio.
- 16 Q. Okay. You first put the fraud alert in
- your husband's file in January of 2003, right?
- 18 A. That was the phone call one where you
- 19 dial the 800 number, like I was telling you, and
- 20 you push the prompt and they add the fraud
- 21 alert. This one is where the protective
- 22 statement was added by Adler, because he wrote
- 23 letters to them requesting.
- Q. Okay. The handwriting on this
- document, did you make these notations in April

- of 2003 when you first contacted the FVAD after
- 2 you got these letters?
- 3 A. I don't know. They could have been
- 4 notes I made much later. I couldn't even
- 5 speculate as to the time period as to when they
- 6 were made. It could have been notes I wrote on
- 7 there for my attorneys when I turned the
- 8 documents over to Barry's office. I don't
- 9 remember.
- 10 Q. Well, I guess I'll go back to what I
- 11 said before now in light of your comment there.
- 12 The first handwriting that you described for
- 13 us --
- A. Uh-huh.
- 15 Q. -- that says, "Fraud alert not to be
- 16 added to fraudulent file"?
- 17 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Did you get that information from
- 19 TransUnion?
- 20 A. TransUnion did tell me that, yes.
- Q. Okay. And was that when you first
- 22 contacted them in following up in April of 2003?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Do you have any reason to
- 25 believe that you didn't make that notation in

- 1 April of 2003?
- 2 A. Yes, I do.
- 3 Q. Why?
- 4 A. Because I make notes on documents when
- 5 it became relevant to make the -- like for
- 6 example, on the second page where it goes, this
- 7 makes no sense. I know that this notation here
- 8 wasn't put on until way much later.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. So, I mean, what I do is, as I'm going
- 11 along and I make notes, sometimes I made notes
- on the relevant document. So, I can't say that
- I made this notation on this document in April
- 14 of 2003.
- 15 Q. Okay, I appreciate that. And in any
- 16 event, the information about the fraud alert not
- 17 be being added to the fraudulent file, you got
- 18 that from TransUnion?
- 19 A. Oh, yeah.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. They told me they would not put our
- fraud alert with our number on the Abundio Perez
- 23 file.
- Q. Okay. And then the information that
- 25 you have in the other handwriting, "Files are

- 1 split. Fraud alerts do not work," where did you
- get that information? Or where did you get the
- 3 information that lead you to that conclusion?
- 4 A. That was much later.
- 5 Q. Okay. And that was -- what information
- 6 did you get that lead you to that conclusion?
- 7 A. Like I said, you know, in dealing with
- 8 the investigation and talking to the different
- 9 furnishers over time, some of the furnishers in
- 10 question Steve Millett already had a fraud alert
- on file and they were still receiving
- information from the credit bureaus obviously on
- 13 Abundio Perez on active accounts, and they still
- has not received Mr. Millett's fraud alert.
- 15 O. I understand now. So, turning to the
- 16 second document, after you got this information
- from TransUnion, you started contacting each of
- the data furnishers that TransUnion identified
- 19 for you, right?
- 20 A. Right.
- Q. And it was during the course of those
- 22 phone calls that you learned the information
- 23 that lead you to believe that files are split,
- 24 fraud alerts do not work?
- 25 A. Right.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. Because I talked to -- for example,
- 3 we'll just take for an example on here, Chase,
- 4 NA. This guy, Chase, Chase Mortgage, and --
- 5 Chase, NA, Chase Mortgage and then there's
- 6 another Chase, Chase had three accounts, a
- 7 mortgage, a car payment and a credit card. Neal
- 8 had a three-in-one credit report for Abundio
- 9 Perez.
- 10 Q. Neal?
- 11 A. That's the guy I talked to.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. And he had three-in-one credit report
- 14 for Abundio Perez, and he specifically told me
- 15 that your fraud alert does not appear anywhere
- on there.
- 17 Q. And when did you start making these
- 18 phone calls to all the data furnishers listed on
- 19 the April 23 letter?
- 20 A. Would have been some time on or after
- 21 maybe April 26 or so, because the mail three
- days, you know, bring it home, lay it on the
- counter for a day and then you go open it up and
- 24 go -- because I thought it was another credit
- 25 report and, you know, you get nine, 10 credit

- 1 reports in the mail, they were piling up or
- whatever. I work on them when I can.
- 3 Q. But then after you finally opened them
- 4 up, that's when you started making all these
- 5 phone calls, right?
- 6 A. Well, first, I looked at this and I
- 7 didn't know what to do, and the first phone call
- 8 I made was to the Foleys at the Identity Theft
- 9 Resource Center.
- 10 Q. Okay. And do you recall anything about
- 11 that conversation?
- 12 A. I mean, it was just a general
- 13 conversation. I was freaked out. Linda and Jay
- 14 are particularly good at calming down. They
- 15 provide, you know, victims assistance,
- 16 counseling, support, that kind of thing.
- 17 O. Who are Linda and Jay?
- 18 A. Linda and Jay Foley? At the Identity
- 19 Theft Resource Center.
- 20 Q. Oh, okay.
- 21 A. Yeah.
- Q. I don't know them. But soon after
- 23 April 2003, when you first started making these
- 24 calls at the end of April 2003, you determined
- 25 that there was separate files for your husband

- 1 and for Mr. Perez, right?
- 2 A. Well, that was the assumption. I
- 3 didn't have concrete proof of that.
- 4 O. Understood.
- 5 A. Yeah. Because obviously none of this
- 6 information had ever been on our file or we
- 7 would have called somebody and disputed it.
- 8 Q. Right. And some of the data furnishers
- 9 are saying, well, we got credit reports from
- 10 Mr. Perez and there's no fraud alert there,
- 11 right?
- 12 A. Well, not only that, but they couldn't
- understand how they had gotten the credit report
- 14 for Mr. Perez when Mr. Millett had a police
- 15 report and a Social Security card with the
- 16 actual number that was being used.
- 17 Q. Now, by my count, there's 28 different
- 18 furnishers identified on the April 23rd letter?
- 19 A. Yep.
- Q. And you got even more information about
- 21 the particular accounts that each furnisher had
- 22 with Mr. Perez, right?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. To your knowledge, had any of
- those accounts showed up on your husband's

- 1 credit file?
- 2 A. The accounts themselves?
- Q. Yes.
- A. Not on the consumer disclosure, but I
- 5 don't know that they're not hidden in the master
- 6 file.
- 7 Q. Okay. Aside from your suspicion that
- 8 there is something being hidden by TransUnion,
- 9 you don't have any evidence that these accounts
- were actually on Mr. Millett's file, correct?
- 11 MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 12 Foundation.
- 13 A. I don't know. I think inquiries count
- 14 as being on someone's file. So, I mean, to the
- 15 extent that inquiries are also disputable
- information, I mean, if you want to be
- 17 technical, no trade lines have ever appeared.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay. What was your
- 19 husband's reaction -- your husband never dealt
- with the bureaus, right, directly?
- 21 A. Well, at that point in time, my husband
- 22 was too -- too angry to properly deal with
- anybody.
- Q. Oh, that's why you assumed the
- 25 responsibility?

- 1 A. Well, it's not totally. Part of the
- 2 reason I assumed the responsibility is a lot of
- 3 this stuff is all computer related. It all
- 4 relates to how the database is transmitted and
- 5 receive information, how they store information,
- 6 what the nature of the cliche is. And so when I
- 7 call customer service, I already know how the
- 8 systems work, it's easier for me to tell them
- 9 what's wrong and how to fix it.
- 10 Q. Well, it was also, according to your
- 11 husband, it was also because you were the one
- that handled those matters for him, right?
- 13 A. Right. I'm the only one who would
- 14 probably know exactly which account number
- 15 should be appearing on the report in the first
- place, because I pay all the bills for all these
- 17 car notes and loans and stuff.
- 18 Q. When -- Ms. Yeager once told me that
- 19 you wear the pants in the family. Would you
- agree with that statement?
- 21 MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 22 Foundation.
- 23 A. Yeah, I would agree with that statement
- in terms of I wear the pants in the family. But
- 25 I wouldn't necessarily mean that that means

- 1 Steve assumes a subservient role. I mean, he
- and I are partners in everything. I mean, to
- 3 me, the term "pants in the family" means like
- I'm in charge and he does what I say, and that's
- 5 not how it is. We do a lot of things together.
- 6 Each of us have their own specialties and things
- 7 that we're good at, and those that are good, do,
- 8 and those that are good at other things, do
- 9 other things.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) So, do you recall
- 11 explaining to your husband what you had learned
- 12 after you got this information from the credit
- bureaus and the furnishers? Did you explain to
- 14 him at that time, I'm guessing this is in May of
- 15 2003, that Mr. Perez has opened up numerous
- 16 accounts using his Social Security number?
- 17 A. Well, I believe we had the discussion
- in April when we first got the letter before I
- 19 even started calling, but by May and possibly
- the beginning of June, we were aware that each
- one of these furnishers in some cases had as
- 22 many as five, six, seven, eight accounts.
- 23 Q. Uh-huh.
- A. So, I mean, you know, it's not 28
- 25 accounts, it's 26 credit cards, 11 automobile

- loans and two mortgages are represented by this
- 2 data.
- 3 Q. I understand. Did you or your husband
- 4 -- well, strike that.
- 5 Did you take any comfort in knowing
- 6 that in fact TransUnion was maintaining separate
- files regarding Mr. Perez and Mr. Millett, as
- 8 opposed to combining the information?
- 9 A. No. That's a complete fallacy. There
- is no comfort in that whatsoever, because it
- denied us the right to dispute the information,
- 12 to go back to the furnishers and make them
- 13 remove the data from their system.
- 14 It allowed Abundio to operate as an
- independent person with a legitimate credit
- 16 report and a background check that allowed him
- 17 to get a job for like a significant period of
- 18 time.
- 19 Q. So, you would have preferred that
- 20 TransUnion combine the information regarding
- 21 your husband and Mr. Perez? Is that your
- 22 testimony?
- 23 A. Yes. Because at least then it would
- have been visible and you could have disputed
- 25 it. What we had instead were people who just

- didn't want to do business with us. Didn't just
- 2 want to grant us any credit whatsoever. And we
- 3 had no explanation why and nobody would give us
- 4 any information why.
- 5 I can sit here today in 2006 and tell
- 6 you that I can go back and through history and
- 7 point to numerous occasions where very funny
- 8 things happened as far as credit was concerned,
- 9 like when we were denied our first time home
- 10 buyer from FHA. But now with the information I
- 11 now have, I now know that that's a result of
- 12 information from Chase Mortgage contained right
- 13 here on this TU letter.
- Q. Are you telling me that you know that
- 15 you were denied loans?
- 16 A. Well, no, we got the loan, but we only
- got the loan because we have significant
- 18 resources and could afford to juggle until we
- 19 made the bank gives us the loan. You put enough
- 20 money down, they're going to give you the
- 21 mortgage eventually.
- But I didn't get the same mortgage
- 23 someone else would have gotten if I wanted to go
- in and have a first time buyer and put \$5,000
- down and buy a house. That opportunity was

- 1 denied to me.
- 2 That opportunity was taken by Abundio
- 3 Perez as a result of this Chase Mortgage right
- 4 here. And this Chase Mortgage here was filed
- 5 with the Federal Housing Association in which
- 6 Mr. Perez was allowed under my husband's Social
- 7 Security number to take our first time buyer
- 8 from the FHA.
- 9 So, this credit report from TransUnion
- 10 that provided this Chase Mortgage credit report,
- 11 the one that I'm telling you about Mr. Knowell
- 12 (phon), Mr. Knowell has, is the one that caused
- us to lose our right to have a first time buyer
- 14 purchase from FHA.
- 15 O. So, when the FHA was considering your
- 16 loan application --
- 17 A. They already had Abundio.
- Q. Can I finish my sentence?
- 19 A. Okay. I'm sorry.
- Q. Is it your testimony that when the FHA
- 21 considered your loan application, that they had
- 22 pulled a TransUnion credit report?
- A. Not FHA, no. Chase.
- Q. Okay. So, Chase pulled a TransUnion
- 25 credit report?

- 1 A. They have all three, they pulled a
- three in one. Most mortgage companies do.
- 3 Q. Do you have any evidence that Chase
- 4 pulled a TransUnion credit report in connection
- 5 with your FHA loan application?
- 6 A. We only have the data that's contained
- 7 in the subpoena from Chase, and I'm not sure if
- 8 they provided any documents or if those
- 9 documents were destroyed, because some of them
- 10 had documents destroyed.
- 11 Q. So, that's what I'm trying to figure
- out what the facts are. What facts do you have?
- 13 A. I have the documents from the FHA.
- 14 Q. And do any of those documents indicate
- that Chase pulled a credit report from
- 16 TransUnion?
- 17 A. I have the testimony of their fraud
- 18 person who told me on the phone when I contacted
- 19 him in relationship to the letter right here in
- 20 May where he told me he had a three-in-one
- 21 credit report from TransUnion, Equifax and
- 22 Experian.
- Q. Relating to the FHA loan that you had
- 24 made?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Or relating to an application that
- 2 Mr. Abundio Perez had made?
- 3 A. It was for Abundio's FHA mortgage.
- 4 Q. Okay. Here's what I'm trying to
- 5 understand, I understand that all this is very
- 6 upsetting and I completely understand that. I'm
- 7 trying to understand facts which can stand up in
- 8 a court of law that somehow attributes whatever
- 9 damages you and your husband believe you may
- 10 have suffered to the conduct of TrueLink. Do
- 11 you hold TrueLink responsible for whatever
- happened to your FHA loan in 1999?
- A. Well, I didn't have a relationship with
- 14 TrueLink, as it was, until August of 2003, or,
- 15 yeah, 2003. So, to the extent that that
- occurred prior to that point, the answer to that
- 17 would be I quess no. However, TransUnion would
- 18 still be responsible, and they're your parent
- 19 company, so. You know, but that has nothing to
- 20 do with the claims that have been filed here
- 21 which were for breach of contract.
- Q. Right.
- 23 A. And I do understand the difference
- 24 between the two.
- Q. Okay. Do you hold TrueLink responsible

- 1 for any denial of credit that you or your
- 2 husband may have suffered?
- 3 A. Well, to the extent that I guess
- 4 TrueLink is not a credit reporting agency, how
- 5 could they be responsible for a denial of
- 6 credit? I don't understand that.
- 7 Q. So the answer is no, right?
- A. Well, the answer is no, but I don't
- 9 agree with that premise necessarily.
- 10 Q. What premise? Was there a premise in
- 11 my question?
- 12 A. No. There's a premise in your
- 13 contract. TrueLink asserts in its contract that
- it's not a credit reporting agency, and that
- their documents do not -- their reports do not
- 16 have to be Fair Credit Reporting Act compliant
- because they're not a credit reporting agency.
- 18 Q. Well, the issue, Mrs. Millett isn't
- whether or not they're a credit reporting
- 20 agency, the issues is -- to your knowledge,
- 21 TrueLink has never disclosed information
- regarding your husband to anybody other than you
- and your husband, right?
- 24 A. Well, I don't know who TrueLink sells
- 25 data to. So, I couldn't answer that question.

- 1 That would be TrueLink's business process, and I
- 2 don't know if their business arm is selling
- 3 products to third parties or whatever. I don't
- 4 know.
- 5 Q. Okay. Well, putting aside what you
- 6 don't know, let me ask you what you do know. Do
- 7 you have any information that would -- do you
- 8 have any evidence that TrueLink discloses credit
- 9 information regarding your husband to anybody
- other than you and your husband?
- 11 A. I don't have any information to that
- 12 respect, no.
- 13 Q. And that's why you don't hold TrueLink
- 14 responsible for any credit denials that you or
- 15 your husband may have suffered, right?
- 16 A. Well, that's -- if that assertion
- 17 remains true, then, yes, that would be true.
- 18 Q. Okay. So, getting back to you said
- 19 that you would have preferred that TransUnion
- 20 merged the files of Mr. Perez and your husband,
- 21 because then you could have disputed Mr. Perez's
- 22 accounts, right?
- 23 A. We would have known a lot sooner. We
- 24 would have known in some cases, six, seven,
- 25 eight, nine years earlier.

- Q. Well, why do you say that?
- 2 A. Because in 1998 when we went to buy our
- 3 house in Phoenix on less-than-favorable terms,
- 4 three-in-one credit reports were pulled. If the
- 5 Abundio data had already been merged with the
- 6 Steve Millett data, it would have appeared when
- 7 we pulled that credit report.
- 8 My husband went to apply for a car loan
- 9 in 1996 for the Ford Thunderbird, which was not
- 10 accepted, so we bought the car outright.
- 11 That particular -- if the data had
- been merged, because Mr. Perez already had a
- 13 credit file at that time, we would have been
- 14 notified of the identity theft then. So, the
- issue becomes -- is we would have been notified
- much sooner, I mean, by a factor of years.
- 17 Q. Okay. So, let's assume that your
- 18 speculation is true. Then what would have
- 19 happened that hasn't already happened? What
- 20 benefit would accrue to you if in fact that had
- 21 occurred?
- 22 A. Well, we'd be further down the road to
- 23 restoring our life. This is a very time
- 24 consuming -- I mean, restoring your life after
- 25 identity theft is a very time consuming process.

- 1 Q. So --
- 2 A. It can take years.
- 3 Q. So, instead of going that process in
- 4 2003, you would have gone through it in 1999?
- 5 Is that your testimony?
- 6 A. Or in 1996. Or 1994.
- 7 Q. Okay. So, let's just say going with --
- 8 MR. O'NEIL: Why do you keep
- 9 touching your witness? I prefer that you not do
- 10 that.
- MS. YEAGER: I am putting my hand
- under the table, and what I have under the table
- is my leg and a chair.
- MR. O'NEIL: Okay, so you haven't
- been touching your witness at certain points
- 16 during the deposition today?
- MS. YEAGER: Not intentionally.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I kicked her once
- 19 earlier.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Let's say that
- 21 TransUnion had merged the two files, as you now
- 22 wish they had and you would have been alerted to
- 23 this identity theft. Then you would have
- 24 disputed Mr. Perez's accounts on your husband's
- 25 credit report, right?

- 1 A. Oh sure.
- Q. And then, presumably, TransUnion would
- 3 have made sure that those trade lines never
- 4 showed up on your husband's credit file, right?
- 5 A. And any time he had gone to apply for
- 6 credit as well, the creditors would have known
- 7 that the number belonged to Steve Millett and
- 8 not Abundio Perez.
- 9 Q. Well, how -- I mean, when your husband
- 10 applied for credit, he didn't apply for credit
- 11 very often, when your husband applied for
- 12 credit, nobody thought that he was using
- 13 Mr. Perez's Social Security number, right?
- 14 A. That would not be a true statement.
- Q. Oh, okay. Why is that not true?
- 16 A. Because my husband received specific
- 17 credit denials that specifically say "unable to
- 18 verify Social Security number."
- 19 Q. Well, that's because you put the
- 20 consumer statement on his file, right?
- 21 A. No. The Exxon Mobil was an Abundio
- 22 Perez account holder. The problem you're
- 23 missing with all this is once Abundio Perez goes
- into somebody's computer system, and they only
- 25 allow one holder for each Social Security number

- in that system, that well has been polluted.
- Q. Okay, but that's not a problem with the
- 3 credit file, it's a problem with the internal
- file of Mobil or Exxon or whoever it is, right?
- 5 A. No. That's a problem with the credit
- file because the credit file is the one that
- 7 went out there and polluted the well in the
- 8 first place. Because you represented to those
- 9 people that this person was the legitimate
- 10 person to grant credit to.
- 11 Q. And all this is why you sued TransUnion
- 12 in July 2004, right?
- 13 A. It was part of the reason. An
- 14 additional reason was over the credit monitoring
- products as well, yeah, uh-huh. Because, if I
- remember correctly, the suit in 2004 also had
- 17 Fair Credit Reporting Act counts in it as well.
- 18 Q. Okay. Well, but it sounds to me like
- 19 you've got two separate types of claims that
- 20 you've alleged in all these lawsuits. One has
- 21 to do with the identity theft and the fact that
- 22 you believe certain companies, Bank of America,
- 23 Ford Motor, maybe even the credit bureaus,
- 24 somehow facilitated the identity theft that you
- discovered in early 2003, right?

- 1 A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Okay. And then you've got other claims
- 3 that say and then after I discovered this
- 4 identity theft, I bought credit monitoring
- 5 products and they didn't work, right?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. The only claims you have left against
- 8 TrueLink are those latter claims that the
- 9 product didn't work, right?
- 10 A. That is correct. But to the extent
- 11 that the product sits on top of the data, the
- fact that the bureau is or is not providing you
- all of the data or whether or not it's providing
- 14 to you and you're not providing it to me, I
- think that's relevant to TrueLink's claims.
- 16 Q. What data has TrueLink not provided to
- 17 you that you believe they should have provided
- 18 to you?
- 19 A. Public record judgements were filed
- with my husband's Social Security number in 2004
- 21 while we were subscribed to the product that
- were not notified in the product. In addition
- 23 to that, there were credit accounts belonging to
- 24 Abundio Perez over 2004 and 2005, most notably
- 25 which would be the Home Depot account and J. C.

- 1 Penney's account, and then later the CB USA,
- 2 Citibank USA account that were relabeled to
- 3 Steve Millett's name and address and/or
- 4 variations thereof that were never alerted in
- 5 the product.
- 6 According to your own documents which
- 7 you've supplied, the actual credit monitoring
- 8 subscription itself as registered with TU was
- 9 allowed to fall off and lapse for well over
- 10 three months before it was finally restored and
- 11 put back on while you were charging us.
- 12 And in the meantime, the product
- 13 proceeded to produce blank alerts which would
- 14 tell you you have an alert, something's changed
- in your file. You would go into the product,
- 16 click on the web link, the alert would come up
- and be a completely blank white box with nothing
- in it. And I had just used my quarterly credit
- 19 report from the product, because the product
- only gives you one report quarterly, and I would
- 21 be forced to buy a new report thinking it was
- going to show me some change, and then there was
- 23 nothing. It matched the report I had just
- 24 opened two weeks ago from my quarterly allowance
- and I had just -- now I'm out 9.95.

- 1 Q. Any other complaints that you have
- 2 against the TrueLink product?
- 3 A. I'm sorry, I'm thinking.
- 4 Q. Take your time.
- 5 A. Yeah, my other complaint on the
- 6 TrueLink product would be that the product is
- 7 being marketed now for bulk purchase for
- 8 companies that are now purchasing it to give to
- 9 their data breach victims.
- 10 Q. Are there any other complaints, other
- 11 than what you just described, that you have
- 12 regarding the credit monitoring service that you
- bought on behalf of your husband from TrueLink?
- 14 A. Well, the lack of notification e-mails,
- they could have provided an alert at any time
- that said, hey, someone's using your Social
- 17 Security number. They don't have to give me
- Abundio's file, but they could have said, hey,
- 19 your Social Security number appears in six other
- 20 people's credit reports. I think that to me
- 21 would be a big indicator that you had a problem.
- 22 And it wouldn't violate anybody's privacy.
- Q. Anything else?
- 24 A. Notification as to the inquiries. When
- 25 soft inquiries are generated, because a lot of

- 1 these fraud people that are out there doing
- 2 fraud research for the furnishers made soft
- 3 inquiries. If soft inquiries, the people who
- 4 make soft inquiries or make hard inquiries that
- 5 they disclose the information used to generate
- 6 the inquiry.
- 7 In other words, if they were looking
- 8 for give me data on the name was
- 9 Abundio Perez and you showed them Steve
- 10 Millett's credit report, I think I have a right
- 11 to know that.
- 12 Q. I'm not sure I understand.
- 13 A. Okay, we'll go back to this exhibit
- 14 here. Because it'll be easier for me to show
- 15 you. For example --
- 16 Q. For the record, what exhibit are you
- 17 referring to?
- 18 A. This is Exhibit No. 12.
- 19 Q. Thank you.
- 20 A. On Exhibit No. 12, do you remember me
- 21 telling you about the Farmers Insurance exhibits
- 22 inquiries that were listed on here as a
- 23 permissible purpose where I could not identify
- 24 to you whether these are Abundio Perez's
- insurance policies or my husband's insurance

- 1 policies? It's on Page 2 of 3 at the top where
- 2 it says "Farmers".
- 3 Q. So, what you're saying then is you
- 4 think TrueLink should have told you what
- 5 identifying information was used by the
- 6 inquirer --
- 7 A. To generate this inquiry.
- 8 Q. Okay. Is this just something you wish
- 9 they would do or is that something you actually
- 10 believed that you would get as part of this
- 11 service?
- 12 A. Well, I would think that if inquiries
- were being generated as a result of the Abundio
- 14 Perez's information, like the Citibank inquiry
- 15 la was that that information would be disclosed
- 16 to me. Because it would be an indicator of
- identity fraud, and they're promising complete
- 18 identity theft protection. So, I mean, the
- 19 Citibank USA inquiry that appears on the
- 20 TransUnion credit reports from later on in 2004
- 21 I believe and 2005 that particular inquiry was
- generated -- my husband doesn't have an account
- with Citibank and never did. It was generated
- 24 as a result of this account that's listed here
- on this portion of the TransUnion letter from

- 1 what used to be Home Depot.
- Q. So, you didn't need to get the
- 3 identifying information, you knew right away
- 4 there wasn't related to your husband, right?
- 5 A. Which one?
- 6 O. The Citibank one?
- 7 A. The Citibank one I knew, yes. Because
- 8 they called me.
- 9 Q. Well, no, when you saw this Citibank
- one, you said wait a minute, my husband doesn't
- 11 have a Citibank card, he never applied for
- 12 Citibank. I happen to know that Perez did. You
- 13 knew right away without getting information from
- 14 TrueLink that that was what you believed to be a
- 15 fraudulent inquiry?
- 16 A. No, it was not. Because Citibank is
- 17 also a furnisher, they provide card services for
- 18 numerous individuals besides Home Depot. So,
- 19 for example, we don't have a Citibank card, that
- doesn't necessarily mean that some card that we
- 21 do have is not managed by them.
- 22 Q. When you saw the inquiry, did you think
- it was a fraudulent inquiry?
- 24 A. I had questions about it, but I didn't
- 25 know if it was fraudulent or not fraudulent

- 1 until I got more information on it. I mean, you
- 2 can't look at an inquiry and just go
- 3 automatically this inquiry is fraudulent. But
- 4 if you know this Farmers -- because I have -- we
- 5 had Farmers Insurance. But if this Farmers
- 6 Insurance had come through and said, you know,
- 7 the information that we used to produce this
- 8 inquiry said Abundio Perez in Los Angeles,
- 9 California, I would have been going, uh, wait a
- 10 minute, that's not me.
- 11 Q. Well, TrueLink told you that they would
- 12 advise of any inquiries, right, so that you
- 13 could investigate if you wanted to? TrueLink
- 14 didn't tell you that we're going to give you all
- the identifying information that was used to
- make that inquiry; isn't that correct?
- 17 A. Well, here's the problem.
- 18 Q. Could you just answer my question
- 19 before you go off and whatever it is you want to
- 20 say?
- 21 A. I'm -- I am trying to answer your
- 22 question.
- MR. O'NEIL: Could you please
- read my question back so that that's what she's
- answering?

- 1 (Whereupon, the requested portion
- of the record was read by the reporter.)
- A. No, that's not correct.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) What's not correct
- 5 about it, ma'am?
- A. It's not correct because the inquiry
- 7 that you're presenting on a report with Steve
- 8 Millett's name and Social Security number should
- 9 be associated with that particular individual.
- 10 So, based on the way your product -- based on
- 11 the way you just presented that, the Citibank
- inquiry should never have appeared on
- 13 Mr. Millett's report or they should have never
- 14 been given the report.
- 15 O. Maybe you misunderstood my question. I
- 16 was asking you about what TrueLink told you they
- 17 would do. Did TrueLink ever tell you that when
- we alert you to an inquiry, we're going to give
- 19 you all of the information that was used to make
- that inquiry?
- 21 A. Well, my understanding is when you say
- 22 complete, you mean complete.
- Q. I will ask the question again. When
- 24 TrueLink advised you that as part of the credit
- 25 monitoring service that you would be alerted to

- 1 inquiries, did TrueLink further tell you that
- 2 you would be receiving the identifying
- 3 information which formed the inquiry?
- 4 A. They already -- they provide the --
- 5 they do provide the identifying information of
- 6 the furnisher in the inquiry.
- 7 Q. You know what we're talking about here,
- 8 Mrs. Millett. We're talking about the
- 9 identifying information that the furnisher sent
- 10 to the credit bureau.
- 11 A. Okay. But from where I sit, for that
- inquiry to be on Mr. Millett's report in the
- 13 first place, that inquiry should have contained
- 14 Mr. Millett's information.
- 15 Q. So, your complaint is on what
- 16 TransUnion puts and doesn't put on your
- 17 husband's file, right?
- 18 A. Well, that's correct. And then the
- 19 assertions that are made by TrueLink on the
- 20 basis of information that they know about how
- 21 the file behaves that they're not sharing with
- the general public.
- Q. I will go back to my original question.
- 24 TrueLink never told you that when it would alert
- 25 you and your husband to an inquiry, that it

- 1 would provide the name, address and Social
- 2 Security number that was provided by the data
- 3 furnisher as part of the inquiry; isn't that
- 4 correct?
- 5 A. I believe the only word it uses is the
- 6 word "inquiry," it doesn't specify how complete
- 7 or not. But there are other advertisements in
- 8 the actual product advertising where they talk
- 9 about and use the words such as "total,"
- 10 "complete," you know.
- I mean, I'm sitting here going if
- 12 you're going to provide an alert about an
- inquiry, and you're going to say you have an
- inquiry and that inquiry was generated as a
- result of data that does not match the file
- 16 you're presenting it in, how can you not
- 17 acknowledge that that's some form or a possible
- 18 fraudulent activity that would need be
- identified by a product that advertises complete
- 20 identity theft production.
- 21 MR. O'NEIL: I think it's time to
- change the tape, so let's take a break.
- VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going
- off the record at 12:35.
- 25 (Recess.)

- 1 VIDEOGRAPHER: It is now
- 2 1:43 p.m. and we are back on the record. You
- 3 may continue.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Thank you. Good
- 5 afternoon, Mrs. Millett.
- 6 A. Good afternoon.
- 7 Q. Do you understand that you're still
- 8 under oath?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Are you aware of any instances after
- 11 August 6th of 2003 in which Mr. Perez used your
- 12 husband's Social Security number to open up a
- 13 new account?
- 14 A. I believe that there are possible
- instances of that, yes. But I have no
- definitive proof let's just say.
- 17 Q. Do you have any proof?
- 18 A. Well, his house on Pico Street was
- 19 refinanced in like the spring of 2005 or four, I
- 20 believe, I can't remember which year exactly it
- 21 is. And I don't know if that information is
- 22 currently being reported under Steve Millett's
- 23 Social Security number or not. I know the
- 24 number is attached to the file, but I'm not sure
- 25 if it was used in the initial credit granting

- 1 process. Or that his wife was not the one that
- was using the number. So, I mean, that's what
- 3 the issue is there.
- 4 Q. Any other possible openings of accounts
- by Mr. Perez using your husband's Social
- 6 Security number that you're aware of?
- 7 A. Judgements that were reported in the
- 8 Ford Motor case when Ford Motor obtained a legal
- 9 judgement using Steve Millett's Social Security
- 10 number, I believe that one was in 2004 as well.
- 11 That's when they start calling to collect the
- 12 judgement.
- 13 Q. Ford Motor had a judgement entered
- 14 against Mr. Perez?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. How did you learn that?
- 17 A. There were two ways I learned about
- 18 that. One was through LexisNexis public records
- 19 search, and the other one was via phone calls
- 20 that were made by Ford Motor Credit to the house
- 21 about Mr. Perez's debt that was outstanding.
- 22 Q. Do you know why -- was Mr. Perez not
- paying his bills to Ford Motor? Is that what
- 24 prompted the judgement, do you know?
- 25 A. What prompted the judgement was the

- 1 cars were repossessed, and the sell-off of the
- 2 cars did not satisfy the note deficiencies.
- Q. Okay. And the cars were repossessed
- 4 because you alerted Ford Motor to the fact that
- 5 Mr. Perez had submitted a fraudulent
- 6 application, right?
- 7 A. No, because when I initially alerted
- 8 Ford Motor, they took no action.
- 9 Q. Do you have an understanding as to why
- 10 Ford Motor repossessed the cars?
- 11 A. Yes, because I sent an e-mail to the
- 12 CEO.
- 13 Q. So you prompted the repossession of the
- 14 automobiles?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. And you also succeeded in having
- 17 many of Mr. Perez's credit grantors close his
- 18 accounts, right?
- 19 A. That would be a true statement.
- Q. Okay. How many accounts do you think
- 21 you managed to have closed?
- 22 A. Well, I know I was successful in a
- 23 majority of cases. It's probably easier to talk
- 24 about the exceptions than it is to talk about
- 25 the ones that were actually closed, because, I

- 1 mean, to sit there and try and rattle off I
- 2 closed this one or I closed this one, it's
- 3 not --
- 4 Q. That's fine. But your understanding is
- 5 that you succeeded in having most of the
- 6 accounts that you learned about through
- 7 TransUnion's April 2003 letter that they be
- 8 closed?
- 9 A. Some of the accounts were already
- 10 inactivated. What I succeeded in doing is
- 11 marking them so they could not be reactivated.
- 12 But then there were some accounts that were not
- 13 closed. And even though the furnishers in
- 14 question said that they had been closed, they
- did not close them. And then there were of
- 16 course some accounts that I did close.
- 17 I don't know if I'd characterize it as
- 18 "most" simply because there's a mixture in there
- of different account statuses.
- Q. So, let me ask you about how you've
- 21 been able to remedy the misuse of your husband's
- 22 Social Security number. Or maybe put another
- 23 way how you were able to limit Mr. Perez's
- 24 ability to benefit from the misuse of your
- 25 husband's Social Security number. You prompted

- 1 Ford Motor to repossess his two cars, right?
- 2 A. It took six months, but yes.
- Q. Okay. You were able to have some of
- 4 his accounts closed, right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Are you aware of any other consequences
- 7 to Mr. Perez resulting from your investigation
- 8 of what he had done?
- 9 A. Yes. He was convicted by the
- 10 Department of Motor Vehicles of lying to the
- 11 California DMV.
- 12 Q. Do you know what kind of penalty he got
- as a result of that conviction?
- 14 A. I have no idea. I know that it
- originally went up there were like three charges
- that were made, I think that was the only one
- 17 that was eventually followed through on. I
- 18 think they were either dropped or reduced or he
- 19 pled guilty or however that works.
- Q. And have you seen any court records or
- 21 police records that indicate the criminal
- 22 charges being filed against him?
- 23 A. I think the record that we received was
- like just a partial record of what that
- information contained, like there were three

- 1 charges. I think that was another LexisNexis by
- 2 credit card public record thing. So, whatever
- 3 the little blurb is that's available for that
- 4 online, then that's what I saw.
- 5 Q. Aside from the repossession of the car,
- 6 the closing of certain accounts and the
- 7 conviction, are you aware of any other
- 8 consequences to Mr. Perez as a result of your
- 9 efforts?
- 10 A. I'm not sure, but I believe that at
- some point in time that he lost his employment
- 12 and/or that his employer made him come back
- using a different name and Social Security
- 14 number. That would be Bonds.
- 15 O. Because you contacted the credit union,
- 16 right?
- 17 A. I contacted his employer directly.
- 18 Q. Okay. And you advised his employer
- 19 that he was using your husband's Social Security
- 20 number?
- 21 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And you think that he may have lost his
- job as a result of that?
- 24 A. Well, no, I know he's working there
- 25 again now.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. But he may be using a different name
- 3 and Social Security number.
- Q. Are you aware of any other consequences
- 5 to Mr. Perez as a result of your efforts?
- 6 A. Not directly. I mean, unless other
- 7 parties have taken actions that I'm not aware
- 8 of, so.
- 9 Q. I mean, is it fair to say that
- 10 Mr. Perez learned that the people whose SSN he
- 11 stole were after him?
- 12 A. I would --
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 14 Foundation. Misstates the evidence.
- 15 A. I'm sorry. Repeat the question.
- MR. O'NEIL: Misstates the
- 17 evidence? I'll withdraw the question.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Given that you were
- 19 able to -- given that his two cars were
- 20 repossessed, he had some accounts closed without
- 21 any action by him, he was convicted by the
- 22 California DMV for submitting -- I'm sorry, he
- was convicted for submitting false information
- 24 to the California DMV, his employer learned
- about his misuse of the Social Security number,

- 1 would you say it's fair to say that he was aware
- that his misuse of your husband's Social
- 3 Security number had been discovered?
- 4 A. I would say that that was probably a
- 5 fair statement.
- 6 Q. Yeah. Do you have any reason to
- 7 believe that despite all that knowledge he
- 8 continued to use your husband's Social Security
- 9 number?
- 10 A. It's possible him or his wife, and that
- 11 there's now a new file for his wife using the
- 12 number.
- 13 Q. File where?
- 14 A. At the credit bureaus.
- 15 O. How do you know that?
- 16 A. Because there have been inklings of
- documents and things that are contained in
- documents, like the house purchase I was talking
- 19 about earlier, where Abundio Perez's name is not
- on it but the Social Security number is on it
- 21 and his wife's name is on it and the house is
- 22 now titled in the public records solely in
- 23 Manuela's name. So, it is possible that they
- just exchanged numbers now, and they are now it
- 25 at whatever it is they were doing again.

- 1 Q. On behalf of your husband, you
- purchased certain products from TrueLink in
- 3 August of 2003, right?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. Okay. And have you always been the one
- 6 to access the e-mails and the website of
- 7 TrueLink on behalf of your husband?
- 8 A. Pretty much, yeah, uh-huh.
- 9 Q. Okay. I mean, to your knowledge, your
- 10 husband never accessed the website, right?
- 11 A. Not where he went like by himself and
- 12 logged in, no.
- 13 Q. Okay. And you testified I believe
- 14 earlier today that you let the subscription to
- 15 credit monitoring lapse in November of 2006
- 16 because -- when the credit card was no longer
- 17 active, right?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. But the subscription probably would
- 21 have continued on for like three months, because
- 22 I think they renew it quarterly. So, you know,
- 23 that was the last payment that was made. So
- 24 whatever it is, three months or the quarter is
- after that date is probably when it expired,

- which January, maybe February of '07, I don't
- 2 know.
- Q. Okay. Did you continue to get e-mails
- 4 from TrueLink until January or February 2007?
- 5 A. I got an e-mail from TrueLink yesterday
- 6 advertising for me to come back and resubscribe
- 7 to the product.
- Q. Did you continue to get e-mails, credit
- 9 monitoring alert e-mails, from TrueLink until
- 10 January or February this year?
- 11 A. Well, they only give you -- send you an
- 12 alert if you -- if there's been a change.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. So, there's not been an alert e-mail in
- 15 January or February of '07.
- Q. When was the last time you got an
- 17 alert?
- 18 A. Oh, it's been I think in December some
- 19 time.
- 20 Q. December of 2006?
- 21 A. Yeah.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- A. When we bought the car.
- Q. That inquiry prompted the alert; is
- 25 that right?

- 1 A. I think it was the reporting of the new
- trade line that prompted the alert.
- 3 Q. Okay. Wouldn't you also get e-mails if
- 4 there were no alerts? Like after a month, would
- 5 you also get an e-mail saying there's been no
- 6 alerts in the last month?
- 7 A. Some months you get those, some months
- 8 you don't.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. I don't know if it's a problem with the
- 11 spam filters or whatever. I mean, I have my own
- 12 personal spam filter and I check those pretty
- 13 regularly to make sure that I get all the
- 14 e-mails that I need to be getting. But
- 15 sometimes you can get black listed at a domain
- and, for example, sbcglobal, which is my ISP
- 17 rejects all the e-mail from that provider before
- 18 it even gets to your mailbox.
- 19 O. Did e-mails from TrueLink ever show up
- in your spam folder?
- 21 A. Occasionally they'll show up in the
- 22 spam folder and I just take them out and put
- them back in my regular white list folder.
- Q. Since you filed this lawsuit in 2004,
- 25 have you printed out of the all of the e-mails

- 1 you got from TrueLink?
- 2 A. No. They're in electronic format.
- 3 Q. Okay. So you have all of those e-mail
- 4 in electronic format?
- 5 A. If I've received them, minus -- I can't
- 6 say I have every single one of them. I had a
- 7 massive hard drive failure at one point in my
- 8 computer, and I lost a lot of data. So, I mean,
- 9 to the extent that I had it backed up and it was
- on a backup disk, I have that information. But
- if it wasn't on the backup disk, it may have
- been lost, so I could be missing a couple.
- 13 O. When did the hard drive failure occur?
- 14 A. I'm trying to think, I think it was in
- 15 December of '04. I've had more than one. I've
- 16 had two over the course of the litigation.
- 0. When was the other failure?
- 18 A. I think I had another one at the end of
- 19 '05 or beginning of '06 where I had a hard drive
- just die. I have a ray-to-ray, so that's two
- 21 hard drives stacked on top of each other and
- 22 basically they operate together as one full
- 23 drive. And so if one fails, sometimes you lose
- 24 information.
- Q. Have you made any effort to -- well,

- 1 strike that.
- 2 Do you know that TrueLink has served
- 3 requests for documents on you and your husband
- 4 in connection with this lawsuit?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And did you ever review those requests?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. And did you make any effort to
- 9 give documents to your lawyers at that time in
- 10 response to that request?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. But my lawyers have received all the
- 14 documents, most of the documents they received
- up front. Documents relating to e-mails from
- 16 the product that have been ongoing since 2004 to
- 17 current are sent to my lawyers on a regular
- 18 basis.
- 19 Q. Have you sent e-mails to your lawyers
- 20 that you -- strike that, that was a bad
- 21 question.
- 22 Have you sent to your lawyers e-mails
- 23 that you have received from TrueLink since
- 24 August of 2005?
- 25 A. I believe so.

- 1 Q. I mean, because you got e-mails, many
- 2 e-mails after August of 2005, right?
- 3 A. I've gotten some e-mails, yes.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. Those are all zipped up and forwarded
- on a regular basis. I send those ought.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. So, if they exist, they've been
- 9 produced.
- 10 Q. To your lawyers?
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. But you don't know if the lawyers have
- produced them to us, right?
- 14 A. What do you mean? No, I don't know
- 15 that.
- 16 Q. Right. Have you viewed the website,
- the True Credit website, since August of 2003?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 O. And how frequently have you reviewed
- the website since then?
- 21 A. I don't know how you would -- how
- 22 frequent -- how you would characterize frequent.
- I mean, you go in and you get a quarterly credit
- 24 report, that report doesn't change for the life
- of the quarter.

- 1 Q. If I can interrupt you. I understand
- 2 that you obtained products from TrueLink, like
- 3 credit reports and scores, whatever else. What
- 4 I'm asking is, whether or not, separate and
- 5 apart from retrieving that information either in
- 6 an e-mail, whatever, have you ever just like
- 7 viewed the, you know, the general website itself
- 8 that's available to everybody?
- 9 MS. YEAGER: I'm going to object
- 10 to the extent this would call for you to reveal
- 11 attorney-client privilege to the extent that any
- of that has been done as work product in the
- course of working with your attorneys and it has
- 14 been discussed as attorney-client privileged,
- 15 you're not to disclose that.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay, let's be clear
- 17 because I don't think Ms. Yeager understands my
- 18 question. I'm not asking about any
- 19 communications you've had with lawyers. I'm not
- 20 asking why you viewed the website. I'm not
- 21 asking you if you did it at the instruction of
- 22 your counsel.
- 23 I'm simply asking if, since August of
- 24 2003, you have viewed the pages of the website
- 25 that, for example, describe the credit

- 1 monitoring product?
- 2 A. Yes, I have. Because you'd have to in
- order to be able to get to the product. You
- 4 cannot access your subscription without going
- 5 through the TrueLink site. So, to the extent
- 6 that you would go out online --
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. -- to view your report, you would have
- 9 to go through the website in order to get there.
- 10 Q. I mean, there's product pages which
- 11 describe the products that TrueLink sells,
- 12 right?
- 13 A. Oh sure.
- Q. So, if you want to access your alert,
- do you have to read through all of the marketing
- 16 materials regarding the credit monitoring
- 17 product?
- 18 A. Well, they're on the front page right
- when you get to the TrueLink.com site. So, I
- 20 mean, the marketing materials are right there,
- 21 the ad is right there when you get to the web
- 22 page.
- 23 Q. Did you print -- whenever you would
- visit the site, did you print out pages from the
- 25 website that you viewed?

- 1 A. Well, I believe in 2003 I did, but I
- 2 don't do it on every occasion, no.
- 3 Q. Well, I'll show you some pages that
- 4 have the description on TrueLink's website in
- 5 August of 2003 regarding the credit monitoring
- 6 product. Is it your testimony that in order for
- 7 you to access any product from TrueLink, you had
- 8 to look at that page or go through that page
- 9 first?
- 10 A. I believe in the upper right-hand
- 11 corner there's a little button that says "log
- in" that's what you click on to log on to the
- 13 product.
- Q. Okay. That's on the home page?
- 15 A. Yeah.
- 16 Q. Okay. There's a home page and then
- 17 there's pages that describe particular products,
- 18 right?
- 19 A. Well, the home page has products
- 20 described on the front of it.
- 21 Q. I understand. I understand. And --
- 22 A. And I might click those ads and go and
- view some information, but where that takes me
- 24 to --
- 25 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. -- in the site I can't say without the
- 2 HTML code in front of me that say this page
- 3 links to this page.
- Q. With I believe the exception of two
- 5 pieces of paper, the only website -- the only
- 6 screen prints from the TrueLink website that
- 7 were produced by your lawyers are in August of
- 8 2003?
- 9 A. That would be a true statement. I
- 10 haven't printed anything from the website since
- 11 then I don't think.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. Unless maybe there's a printed credit
- 14 report or something like that where I've gone in
- and printed out the product credit report.
- 16 Q. I understand. Have you ever viewed the
- 17 description that TrueLink has regarding credit
- 18 monitoring service since August of 2003?
- 19 A. It's all over the web. I mean,
- 20 obviously I do a lot of Google research on
- 21 identity theft. So, I mean, every time I go to
- 22 Google, I get an ad or marketing for TrueLink
- when you do searches associated with identity
- theft. So, you know, you click on the link and
- 25 you look at the stuff. So, where that goes, I

- don't know if that's at TrueLink's site or if
- 2 that's at another site.
- 3 Q. Right now I'm just talking about the
- 4 TrueLink website. Have you ever viewed
- 5 TrueLink's description of the credit monitoring
- 6 product since August of 2003?
- 7 A. I just answered that question, yes.
- 8 But it's been as a result of I'm on Google, I'm
- 9 researching identity theft matters and a link
- 10 will come up for TrueLink that's protect your
- identity or whatever and I might click on it and
- that will take me to a page. Now, whether
- that's in TrueLink's site or not in TrueLink's
- 14 site, I can't say. But it is marketing material
- for the TrueLink product.
- Q. But you never printed that out?
- 17 A. No.
- Q. Do you think it's relevant to this
- 19 lawsuit?
- 20 A. What?
- 21 Q. The marketing of the credit monitoring
- 22 product that you saw since August of 2003? Do
- you think that's relevant to this lawsuit?
- A. Well, I mean, yeah, it's relevant.
- Q. Okay. Did you notice any changes in

- 1 the marketing of the product since August of
- 2 2003?
- 3 A. There's been subtle changes in wording
- 4 and whatnot.
- 5 Q. Uh-huh. And do you think those changes
- 6 made the marketing more accurate, less accurate
- 7 or didn't make a difference?
- 8 A. Well, I still think that the marketing
- 9 the way that it's currently being phrased and
- 10 presented to people leads people to believe that
- 11 the product contains features and services that
- it does not contain, yes, I believe it's still
- inaccurate.
- Q. But you couldn't really tell me in what
- way, because you don't have that actual
- 16 marketing materials, right?
- 17 A. Well, if you'd like, I'll go home
- tonight and print out the site and I'll send it
- 19 to you and I'll tell you why I think it's
- 20 inaccurate.
- 21 Q. That might be helpful actually.
- MS. YEAGER: Counsel's going to
- 23 request that you put that request in writing.
- MR. O'NEIL: Well, I think --
- 25 well...

- 1 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) From August of 2003
- 2 until the time that your subscription lapsed,
- 3 had you been paying on a monthly basis for the
- 4 credit monitoring service from TrueLink?
- 5 A. I believe it's billed quarterly.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. And I believe there's also a period of
- 8 time between August of 2003 and August -- and
- 9 2006 when the last payment was made that there
- 10 was a period of time which the product was
- 11 provided pro bono, I believe it was three months
- or four months or whatever, and that was a part
- of the discussions with Amanda.
- Q. Okay. But during -- since August of
- 15 2003 until some time recently, you had access to
- 16 the credit monitoring service; is that right?
- 17 A. For the most part, yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. Did the access lapse at any
- 19 time?
- 20 A. Well, there was the period of time
- 21 where it was sending out alerts and the
- 22 alerts -- you would log into the products and
- 23 the alerts were blank. So, you could say that
- 24 the product was malfunctioning.
- Q. Uh-huh. With the exception of some

- 1 free months that you think Amanda promised you,
- 2 as far as you know, did you and your husband pay
- 3 for the product during that entire time period?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And have you made any effort to find
- 6 records that showed that you had paid for those
- 7 products?
- A. I believe they're on your documents
- 9 that you produced where it has my credit card
- 10 number and my name and the dates and the amounts
- 11 that were paid, so.
- 12 Q. And you reviewed that information?
- 13 A. I reviewed that information.
- Q. Was it accurate?
- 15 A. I think it's probably accurate for the
- 16 time period it covers. I'm not sure it covers
- 17 the entire time period, because they may be
- 18 rolling transactions off or whatever.
- 19 Q. Have you made any effort yourself to
- 20 find proof in your records as to when you've
- 21 paid TrueLink?
- 22 A. Well, I mean, I have my bank statements
- if that's what you're referring to.
- Q. Well, I'm just asking if you made any
- 25 efforts to find your own records?

- 1 A. Well, yeah, I have my bank records.
- Q. Have you looked at those for that
- 3 purposes?
- 4 A. I look at my bank records everyday, but
- 5 not just for that purpose.
- 6 Q. Okay. If we can just focus on what my
- 7 question -- I'm sure you look at your bank
- 8 records for other purposes, that's not what I'm
- 9 asking you. What I'm asking you is, have you
- 10 ever made an effort to review your own bank
- 11 records to determine what you've paid TrueLink
- 12 over the years?
- MS. YEAGER: I'm going to object
- 14 to the extent this has been done as the result
- of attorney-client information and direct you
- not to disclose anything we might have discussed
- 17 that was privileged.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay, well, once again
- 19 I'm not asking about your conversation. I think
- 20 to date I've never asked about your
- 21 conversations with your lawyers. So, let's go
- 22 back to what I'm asking you.
- 23 Have you made any effort to determine
- 24 to find in your record what you paid TrueLink?
- 25 A. Yes, me and my attorneys are working on

- 1 that.
- 2 Q. What have you done in that regard?
- 3 A. I'm working on obtaining and providing
- 4 all the bank records, which are having to be
- 5 extracted from microfilm at the bank.
- 6 Q. Really? You don't have copies of your
- 7 own bank statements in your home?
- 8 A. Of course not. Bank statements through
- 9 the mail are the best way to have your identity
- 10 stolen at the mailbox.
- 11 Q. Okay. So, when -- you've asked the
- 12 bank for these records?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. When did you ask them?
- 15 A. I believe about a week ago.
- Q. And when are you going to get them?
- 17 A. Don't know until the people in India
- 18 write back and tell me, because you know online
- 19 banking is all done via e-mail. So, I've sent
- 20 the request out and they're supposed to respond
- 21 as to whether or not and how far back the
- 22 information exists.
- Q. It was just a week ago that you made
- 24 this inquiry?
- 25 A. I think it was just a week ago that the

- 1 specific question came up of the specific
- 2 charges that people wanted the information for
- 3 that. So I went out to get the bank records
- 4 specifically for this purpose.
- 5 Q. On behalf of your husband, you've also
- 6 purchased credit reports and other products from
- 7 TrueLink, right?
- 8 A. That would be correct.
- 9 Q. None of those are really mentioned in
- 10 your complaint though, do you recall that? I
- 11 mean, your complaint is about credit monitoring,
- 12 that's the product you reference in the
- 13 complaint?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Do you -- are you suing -- are you
- suing TrueLink with regard to the other products
- that you purchased other than credit monitoring?
- 18 A. I think we've reduced it just down to
- 19 the breach of contract for the credit monitoring
- 20 TrueLink product, so yes. But, I mean, in the
- 21 beginning, I think that we were suing for fair
- 22 credit reporting violations which would have
- 23 concerned the reports that were involved.
- Q. And are you suing -- have you ever
- 25 purchased credit monitoring for yourself?

- 1 A. No. Not that I'm aware of.
- Q. Okay. Have you ever purchased any
- 3 products from TrueLink for yourself?
- 4 A. I think there was a purchase made for a
- 5 three-in-one credit report for myself at some
- 6 point in time. But I cannot find the records
- 7 that are associated with it.
- 8 Q. When did you make this purchase?
- 9 A. I mean, I don't recall the exact time
- 10 period. I know that there was a time period
- 11 that we bought both reports for my husband and
- myself, because we didn't know what was going on
- with all of the banking information and
- everything was all chaotic. So, there was a
- point in time where I had both my report and his
- 16 report.
- 17 Q. From TrueLink?
- 18 A. Well, from TransUnion. I don't know if
- 19 it's TrueLink or not. You know, it's very hard
- 20 to delineate that relationship. You know, if
- 21 you buy the credit report online and you go to
- 22 TransUnion.com, you get a credit report through
- 23 TrueLink. So, whether I bought the report from
- 24 TransUnion or TrueLink, I don't know. I can
- only tell you that I bought a report. Now, I

- 1 bought a three-in-one report. Now, I can't find
- 2 any record of it. I went through your
- documents, I couldn't find any record of it.
- 4 So, I know I've seen the report, I just can't
- find the copy anywhere, and so I don't know
- 6 where it is or -- I mean, it's not a figment of
- 7 my imagination because I know we went through
- 8 all the data contained in there, there were some
- 9 errors.
- 10 Q. You say it's not a figment of your
- imagination. Let's figure out what you do know
- that you can testify to under oath. Can you
- 13 testify under oath that you ever bought a
- 14 three-in-one credit report on yourself from
- 15 TrueLink?
- 16 A. I can't give you 100 percent definitive
- answer on that because I think I did, but I'm
- 18 not entirely sure.
- 19 Q. Well, actually, you already have given
- us 100 percent definitive answer on that; isn't
- 21 that right?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection. Asked
- and answered.
- 24 A. I have a subscription. I have a log-in
- 25 ID and stuff and information for TrueLink which

- 1 would be used to purchase a product. But there
- is no record remaining in the product that I
- 3 ever bought a credit report, and I don't have
- 4 the credit report.
- 5 Q. You're talking about the documents that
- 6 TrueLink produced, right?
- 7 A. No, I'm talking about my web account at
- 8 TrueLink where I log in with my user name and
- 9 password and when you --
- 10 Q. Are there any documents reflecting
- 11 those facts --
- 12 A. What?
- 13 Q. -- in your possession? That you have a
- separate account for yourself with TrueLink? Do
- 15 you have any documents that reflect that fact?
- 16 A. They're in your documents.
- 17 Q. Ma'am, I'm asking about your files.
- 18 I'm asking about what you know and what's the
- 19 basis for your testimony and your interrogatory
- answers, so I'm going to ask it again.
- 21 Do you have any records originating
- from your files to support your sworn
- interrogatory answer that you have purchased
- 24 products yourself from TrueLink?
- 25 MS. YEAGER: Objection. Assumes

- 1 facts not in evidence. Foundation.
- 2 A. All I have is the web product. If
- 3 you'd like me to log in and show you the fact
- 4 that I have my own log-in with a user name and
- 5 password, I would be more than happy to do that.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Well, the fact that you
- 7 have -- well, actually, we've asked for that
- 8 information and we're still waiting for it, so.
- 9 A. Which information?
- 10 Q. Any proof that you bought a product
- 11 from TrueLink. We've asked for that. Are you
- aware of that? Are you aware that when we first
- sent the first set of document requests months
- 14 and months and months ago, it asked for all
- records regarding purchases by either one of
- 16 you?
- 17 A. I understand that.
- 18 Q. Okay. And at that time, did you make
- 19 any effort to search your records for proof that
- you had purchased products on your behalf?
- 21 A. We produced our banking records at that
- time which show the charges from TrueLink, the
- ones that we had at that time. Now, we're going
- 24 back to 2003, so I have to go back and get
- 25 additional bank statements to support that. But

- 1 I'm --
- 2 Q. Let me interrupt you. You produced
- 3 banking statements?
- 4 A. My attorneys have had bank records for
- 5 me for quite a while.
- 6 O. Oh really?
- 7 A. They were produced I believe in some
- 8 other case.
- 9 Q. Well, they weren't produced in this
- 10 case. Matter of fact I've been asking
- 11 Ms. Yeager, and she keeps telling me that
- they're coming, they're coming. But you're
- telling me that she has them; is that right?
- 14 A. Well, there were bank records produced
- in a limited fashion for the Bank of America
- 16 case, because that is the bank in question that
- 17 we're talking about. So, bank records of course
- in that case were produced.
- 19 Q. Do you remember getting an
- 20 interrogatory directed to you in this case?
- 21 A. Yes, there were three questions on it I
- 22 believe.
- Q. Right. And the first question was,
- 24 have you ever purchased from TrueLink a credit
- 25 score or other information regarding your credit

- 1 report. Do you recall that being the first
- 2 question?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 4 Foundation.
- 5 MR. O'NEIL: Well...
- 6 A. Yes, I recall the interrogatory answer.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay. And what was
- 8 your answer?
- 9 A. I believe the answer is yes.
- 10 Q. And what was the factual basis for that
- 11 answer?
- 12 A. Because I believe I bought a
- three-in-one credit product from TrueLink
- 14 regarding my own personal credit report.
- 15 Q. Now, but you didn't provide that
- information in response to the very next
- interrogatory that asked that; isn't that
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. What?
- 20 Q. The next interrogatory asked you what
- 21 did you buy and when? Did you provide that
- information to your lawyers?
- 23 A. The next interrogatory, I believe,
- 24 exceeds the number, maximum number, of
- 25 interrogatories that were allowed under the

- case. If that's -- if I remember correctly.
- Q. I don't think that Ms. Yeager wants you
- 3 to disclose anything she's told you, unless you
- 4 counted them yourself.
- 5 A. What I'm saying that that's the answer
- 6 that is on the interrogatory, and that those
- 7 interrogatory answers were prepared by me with
- 8 the help of my legal counsel, so.
- 9 Q. Did you count the interrogatories
- 10 yourself?
- 11 A. I --
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 13 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Did you count the
- interrogatories yourself?
- 15 A. No, I haven't counted the
- interrogatories myself.
- 17 Q. Okay. Did you provide the information
- 18 to your lawyers that was responsive to that
- 19 interrogatory?
- 20 A. I believe they know that I had believed
- 21 that I had purchased a three-in-one credit
- 22 report.
- Q. But at the time it was just a belief,
- 24 right?
- 25 A. I'm sorry, no, I don't have the credit

- 1 report. So, I guess it's just a belief.
- 2 O. That's good. You don't have the
- 3 three-in-one credit report that you think you
- 4 bought, right?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. You don't have any screen prints from
- 7 the date that you allegedly bought it, right?
- 8 A. No, I don't.
- 9 Q. You don't have any records that show
- 10 that you paid TrueLink for it; isn't that
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. I have records that show I paid
- 13 TrueLink, but the records that show I paid
- 14 TrueLink aren't identified specifically as to
- whether they're Melody's account or Steve
- 16 account, so I can't say whether a particular
- 17 banking transaction belongs to Steve's purchase
- of the product or belongs to mine.
- 19 O. And I can't either, because I haven't
- 20 seen those records. I'm still waiting for them.
- 21 Can you give me an idea of when you thought you
- 22 may have bought this three-in-one product from
- 23 TrueLink?
- A. Well, the subscription says when you go
- 25 to the log-in page for my account that I logged

- in -- that the account was started some time in
- 2 March of 2005.
- Q. Okay. Now what are you referring to?
- 4 Are you referring to your records or the records
- 5 that were produced to your lawyers in this case?
- 6 A. I'm referring to when you log in to the
- 7 TrueLink website --
- Q. Uh-huh.
- 9 A. -- itself, under my account name and
- 10 password, it says member since March of 2005.
- 11 Q. And have you printed that out and given
- those to your lawyers?
- 13 A. No, I haven't printed that out.
- Q. Well, did you understand that when you
- had received the request for documents from
- 16 TrueLink, that you had to produce things that
- even were just stored electronically but not
- 18 printed out?
- 19 A. Well, I understand that, but that data
- 20 isn't stored electronically. That data resides
- on TrueLink's website, sir. That data doesn't
- 22 reside on my PC.
- Q. Well, the same is true of the website
- 24 that you printed out and produced to us in this
- 25 case, right?

- 1 A. Well, that's true, but I chose to print
- 2 that out. Are you --
- Q. Did you understand that you were
- 4 requested to produce all documentation that you
- 5 had regarding any purchase by you from TrueLink?
- 6 Did you understand that?
- 7 MS. YEAGER: Objection. Asked
- 8 and answered.
- 9 A. Oh, I understand that.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay. And when you
- 11 understood that, did you say, well, I have no
- idea where this three-in-one credit report is, I
- have no proof of it, but I do have this
- information on the TrueLink website, so I'll
- print that out? Do you think that?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection. Asked
- 17 and answered.
- 18 A. No, I didn't think that. Because why
- 19 would I produce documents that the defendants
- 20 already have in their possession and can
- 21 recreate themselves at any time.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) So, when you've been
- producing documents in this case and when you've
- 24 been answering document requests, did you not
- 25 give us things that you thought we already had?

- 1 A. I only gave you those things which were
- in my possession. If it's not in my possession,
- 3 I don't know that I'm obligated to produce it if
- 4 it's not in my possession.
- 5 Q. Do you know what year you allegedly
- 6 purchased this three-in-one credit report from
- 7 TrueLink on your own behalf?
- 8 MS. YEAGER: Objection. Asked
- 9 and answered.
- 10 A. I would assume it would have to be some
- time after March of 2005, because that's when
- the website records that I had a new membership
- 13 created.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) But in any event,
- 15 whether or not -- I mean, assuming that you
- 16 actually did buy this product, you're not suing
- on that product, right?
- 18 A. That's a credit report, that's not
- 19 monitoring.
- Q. Ma'am, it's really a yes or no answer.
- 21 I'll say it again. Regardless -- assuming that
- 22 you actually bought this three-in-one credit
- 23 report relating to yourself from TrueLink,
- 24 you're not suing TrueLink on behalf -- with
- 25 regard to that product, right?

- 1 A. No.
- Q. Did you actually get the
- 3 interrogatories that TrueLink's lawyers sent to
- 4 your lawyer asking about your purchases?
- 5 MS. YEAGER: Objection. Asked
- 6 and answered.
- 7 MR. O'NEIL: No, it wasn't.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Go ahead and answer,
- 9 Mrs. Millett.
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And did you prepare, physically
- 12 prepare, the document that was the response to
- 13 the interrogatories?
- 14 A. The interrogatory -- my
- 15 interrogatories?
- 16 Q. Yes.
- 17 A. I worked with my attorneys to prepare
- 18 those. I didn't physically type them if that's
- 19 what you mean.
- Q. That's what I meant.
- 21 A. No, I didn't physically type them.
- 22 Q. You just gave the information to your
- lawyers and they prepared it?
- A. Right.
- Q. Okay. And did you review the

- 1 interrogatory responses before they were served?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And did you sign a verification?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And where were you when you signed that
- 6 verification?
- 7 A. Barry's office, probably more likely
- 8 than not, most of the documents get notarized by
- 9 Libby.
- 10 Q. Okay. And we recently got just days
- 11 ago the verification.
- 12 A. I understand that.
- 13 Q. And it was dated April 25, 2007. Is
- that when you signed the verification?
- 15 A. That's the second time I signed the
- 16 verification.
- 17 Q. You signed an earlier verification?
- 18 A. Yes, I sure did.
- 19 Q. And when was that?
- 20 A. Right around the time that the
- 21 interrogatories were produced.
- Q. Do you remember, was it in March?
- 23 A. I don't recall exactly what day it was.
- Q. Okay. And you're aware of course that
- we never got those verification, aren't you?

- 1 A. Yes, I of course am, uh-huh.
- Q. Okay. And your verification that we
- 3 asked -- which we got just days ago says, quote,
- 4 "Note, this is second signed copy created by me
- 5 for those interrogatories."
- 6 A. Uh-huh.
- 7 Q. What -- is it -- did you write that?
- 8 A. I sure did.
- 9 Q. Why? Why did you write that on the
- 10 verification?
- 11 A. Because the first copy was misplaced
- and this is the second copy. So, I don't want
- anyone to think that the first copy was not
- 14 signed or produced by me in a timely fashion.
- 15 Q. Who misplaced them?
- 16 A. They -- somehow they got lost in the
- 17 documents.
- Q. Are you also aware that there's a
- 19 dispute among counsel as to when your
- interrogatory answers were served?
- 21 A. I'm aware that there's some disputes,
- 22 yes.
- Q. Okay. Have you seen the e-mails
- between your lawyer and lawyers for TrueLink
- 25 regarding this issue?

- 1 MS. YEAGER: I object to the
- 2 extent this calls you to disclose
- 3 attorney-client privilege.
- 4 MR. O'NEIL: You know what,
- 5 Joyce, you know that question does not ask for
- 6 the disclosure of attorney-client privilege.
- 7 MS. YEAGER: I don't know that.
- 8 MR. O'NEIL: Oh, you don't?
- 9 Okay.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Well, once again, I'll
- 11 say it again, I'm not asking for you to disclose
- 12 your communication with your lawyers. I'm
- 13 asking you if you got copies of the
- 14 correspondence between your counsel and counsel
- for TrueLink regarding the failure to timely
- serve your interrogatory responses?
- 17 A. Well, I've seen some e-mails about the
- 18 disputes, I guess, that are going on among you
- 19 guys. Now, whether I specifically remembered
- 20 that statement in the dispute, I can't say yes
- 21 or no.
- Q. And are you aware that Ms. Yeager is
- 23 still investigating the service of your
- interrogatory responses?
- 25 A. Yes, I'm aware of that fact.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 MR. O'NEIL: Are you still
- 3 investigating that, Joyce?
- 4 MS. YEAGER: Yes.
- 5 MR. O'NEIL: Okay. Can you let
- 6 us know when your investigation is complete?
- 7 MS. YEAGER: Yes.
- 8 MR. O'NEIL: Thank you.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) The interrogatory that
- 10 followed the only one you decided to answer was
- identify the product purchased. You think it's
- 12 a three in one; is that right?
- 13 A. I think so.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. That's what I believe.
- 16 Q. Well, did you print it out when you
- 17 first purchased it?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection. Asked
- 19 and answered.
- MR. O'NEIL: You know what, I did
- 21 not answer (sic) that. Either you're not paying
- attention or you're just trying to be
- obstructionist. I never asked that question.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Did you print out the
- 25 three-in-one credit report when you purchased

- 1 it?
- 2 A. I don't recall. And but if I did, I no
- 3 longer have it in my possession.
- 4 Q. You were then asked identify the date
- 5 and cost of each -- wait a minute. You don't
- 6 have it in your possession anymore. Do you
- 7 think you destroyed it?
- 8 A. No, I think it may have got -- if I
- 9 printed it, it's been lost. I don't recall
- 10 printing it --
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. -- but if I have printed it, then it's
- been lost because I can't find it and I haven't
- 14 been able to produce it.
- 15 Q. So, just so we're all clear, the
- 16 three-in-one credit report has been lost, the
- initial interrogatory answers have been lost,
- and the initial verification has been lost. Is
- that your understanding of the facts?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. What's wrong about those three things?
- 22 A. Because I don't understand -- I don't
- 23 understand what you mean by those three things.
- 24 The initial credit report, I'm not sure if I
- 25 printed it or not. So it may not have even been

- 1 printed in the first place, which is how I
- 2 answered that question.
- 3 Second of all, the original
- 4 verifications may have been misplaced. They
- 5 could later show up somewhere in the large
- 6 volumous (sic) file of documents and pleadings
- 7 that are running around associated with these
- 8 cases, I don't know.
- 9 Q. You think there's a large volume of
- 10 documents associated with this lawsuit?
- 11 A. No, I'm talking about --
- 12 Q. They're a very small set of documents
- that have been produced by your lawyers in this
- 14 case.
- 15 A. I'm talking about the pleadings and the
- 16 books and everything that has all the legal
- 17 stuff in it from all the cases and the motions
- 18 and the everything.
- 19 Q. You don't know the date that you
- 20 purchased this product, right?
- 21 A. I only know -- the only information I
- 22 know for sure sitting here in this chair is that
- 23 my website log on was established in March of
- 24 2005. That's all I know.
- Q. Well, do you know whether or not you

- purchased a product from TrueLink?
- 2 A. I believe I purchased a three-in-one
- 3 credit report.
- 4 Q. Do you know how much it cost you?
- 5 A. I can't even say. Maybe 19.95 or
- 6 whatever they charge for it. I don't really --
- 7 cost wasn't the issue when I purchased it
- 8 anyhow.
- 9 Q. What was the purchase -- what was the
- 10 purpose for which you purchased it?
- 11 A. Just to look at my own information.
- 12 Q. Did you see any defects in the
- three-in-one credit report?
- 14 A. What do you mean?
- 15 Q. Did you see any deficiencies in the
- 16 product that you had purchased from TrueLink?
- 17 A. Well, I mean, not on TrueLink's part,
- 18 but there were deficiencies in credit furnishers
- 19 that had misreported information on my behalf,
- 20 yes.
- Q. Have you ever entered into a contract
- 22 with TrueLink?
- A. Not for monitoring, no.
- Q. Have you ever entered into a contract
- with TrueLink for any product?

- 1 A. I believe that by signing up for the
- website, that there is a terms of use and other
- 3 legal mumbo-jumbo that goes along with that, so
- 4 I don't know if you would consider that a
- 5 contract or not.
- 6 Q. Well, in Paragraph 49 of the complaint
- 7 that you filed against my client --
- 8 A. Uh-huh.
- 9 Q. -- you state that valid contracts
- 10 existed between TrueLink and yourself. Is that
- 11 an accurate statement?
- 12 A. Well, considering that my debit card
- was used to purchase the information and that I,
- 14 acting as my agent on behalf of my husband, I
- would say yes.
- 16 Q. So, you think that when you act as an
- 17 agent for your husband, that that makes you a
- 18 party to the contract?
- 19 A. I went online and purchased the
- 20 product. Does that not make --
- Q. On behalf of your husband?
- 22 A. On behalf of my husband.
- Q. Right.
- 24 A. Right.
- Q. Well, and you think you're a party to

- 1 that contract?
- 2 A. Well, it's purchased with joint funds.
- 3 It's purchased with my debit card. It's
- 4 purchased from my bank account.
- 5 Q. So, you think that makes you a party to
- 6 the contract?
- 7 A. I think so.
- 8 Q. Oh, okay. Have you ever purchased a
- 9 home?
- 10 A. Yes, we've purchased a home.
- 11 Q. And have you ever had a real estate
- 12 agent help you purchase the home?
- 13 A. Yes. We've had a realtor.
- 14 Q. And do you think the real estate agent
- is a party to the contract by which you
- 16 purchased the home?
- 17 A. I don't know. The real estate agent
- has to sign some papers, so I don't know.
- 19 Q. All right.
- 20 A. That's a legal distinction.
- 21 Q. So, it's your lawyers -- did your
- lawyers come to the conclusion that your -- have
- 23 contracted with TrueLink instead of you?
- 24 A. I agree with that perception if that's
- 25 what you want to know.

- 1 Q. Ms. Millett, I'm going to show you
- what's been marked as Exhibit No. 14. These
- 3 were some documents that were produced by
- 4 TrueLink to your counsel in this matter.
- 5 (M. Millett Exhibit 14 was marked
- for identification by the reporter.)
- 7 A. Uh-huh.
- 8 O. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Is this the document
- 9 that you said that you referred to before that
- 10 was a summary of your purchases and your
- 11 husband's purchases from TrueLink?
- 12 A. It's a summary of purchases, yes, but I
- can't be sure that everything's on here.
- Q. That's not what I asked, ma'am. You
- 15 referred earlier to seeing a document that was
- 16 produced by TrueLink?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Is this the document you were referring
- 19 to?
- 20 A. Yes, it is.
- 21 Q. Okay. And have you reviewed this
- document to see if there was any inaccuracies in
- 23 it?
- A. I have reviewed the document to see if
- 25 there was any inaccuracies in it, yes.

- 1 Q. Okay. And did you find any
- 2 inaccuracies?
- 3 A. That's why I requested the 2003 bank
- 4 records, because I can't verify if there's any
- 5 inaccuracies until I get those.
- 6 Q. What about the 2004 and 2005 bank
- 7 records? Have you --
- 8 A. I haven't physically reviewed that, no.
- 9 Q. Have you asked for those?
- 10 A. For what?
- 11 Q. The bank records for 2004, 2005 and
- 2006?
- 13 A. Yes, I've asked for those.
- 14 Q. Oh, okay.
- 15 A. Yeah. Uh-huh.
- Q. You only said 2003, so I was just
- 17 wanting to make sure that after all this time
- 18 we're not only getting partial information. So,
- just so I understand, your request to your bank
- 20 was all bank records going back to August of
- 21 2003; is that right?
- 22 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- A. Some are easier to produce than others
- 25 though.

- 1 Q. Well, so far we don't have any, so.
- 2 Anything you can produce would be wonderful, can
- 3 move this case along.
- I understand you're waiting for the
- 5 bank records, but separate and apart from
- 6 comparing Exhibit No. 14 with your bank records,
- 7 did you see any errors in this document?
- 8 A. How would I know if there's any errors
- 9 in this document. This is a True Credit
- 10 document.
- 11 Q. Okay, Mrs. Millett. If that's the game
- we're going to play, let's -- do you understand
- that this document indicated what you purchased
- and how much you paid?
- 15 A. I understand this document demonstrates
- 16 what was purchased and paid, yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. And that's information that you
- would have possession of, right?
- 19 A. Well, I mean, as far as the actual
- 20 credit card transaction on my bank record, I
- 21 guess, yes.
- Q. Let me direct your attention to the
- last page, Mrs. Millett. The very last entry
- there is dated August 6, 2003. Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And it indicates a purchase of a TU
- 2 report, credit score and analysis, credit score
- 3 monitoring, debt analysis, debt monitoring,
- 4 weekly credit alerts. Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. It says that \$20.85 was paid. Do you
- 7 see that?
- 8 A. Yep.
- 9 Q. Is that accurate information as far as
- 10 you know?
- 11 A. As far as I know, yeah.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. I think that's the first quarter.
- Q. And then up above, it shows orders
- 15 canceled in February, April and May of 2004. Do
- 16 you see that?
- 17 A. Yeah.
- 18 Q. And it shows that among the things that
- 19 were being canceled were credit monitoring, do
- you see that?
- 21 A. Wasn't canceled by me.
- Q. To your knowledge, were you getting
- 23 credit monitoring during that time frame?
- A. To my knowledge, yes, I was.
- Q. Okay. Then up above, it has orders

- 1 canceled in September of 2004. Do you see that?
- 2 A. Yep.
- Q. And but it's your understanding that
- 4 you didn't cancel any orders in that time frame,
- 5 right?
- 6 A. Well, the one up there that was
- 7 canceled on 9/11/04 was canceled, the TransUnion
- 8 report was canceled in favor of the three-in-one
- 9 report upgrade. So what the system is doing is
- 10 inserting the original basic credit order, and
- 11 then the second line is you ordered the upgrade,
- 12 so it cancels the original order and then
- inserts the up-sale order.
- But the one there where on 9/1/04
- three-in-one credit report, credit score and
- analysis that was canceled on 9/1/04, I don't
- 17 know why that is.
- 18 Q. Did you ever cancel, affirmatively
- 19 cancel, any products that you had purchased from
- 20 TrueLink?
- 21 A. No. I don't know what this is in here
- where they have stuff canceling and
- 23 uncancelling.
- Q. Okay. If I can direct your attention,
- 25 Mrs. Millett, to the second page. The third

- 1 entry from the bottom there indicates that on
- 2 November 21st, 2006, credit monitoring was
- 3 purchased. Do you see that?
- 4 A. Yep.
- 5 Q. Is that correct?
- 6 A. Yep, that's the last charge.
- 7 Q. And then right above there on that
- 8 page, Mrs. Millett, is a heading called "System
- 9 Log Data." Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Do you have any understanding of what
- 12 that might mean?
- 13 A. Yeah. These are -- this is a log of
- 14 all the IP addresses and their time stamps and
- when they've accessed the site.
- 16 Q. So, would that indicate to you that
- 17 this True Credit's records of when on behalf of
- 18 your husband you accessed the site?
- 19 A. Yes, but I'm not sure that it's
- 20 complete.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. This will only -- this would only
- 23 record information or log data if in fact you
- logged into the product. Because there's a
- 25 unique system generated user ID over here on the

- 1 left-hand column which belongs to Steve Millett,
- which would only be tapped if you had actually
- 3 logged into the physical product itself.
- 4 Q. So, potentially, you could have viewed
- the website without logging in and that wouldn't
- 6 be reflected here, right?
- 7 A. Right. It would be another log. It
- 8 would be stored in other computer logs.
- 9 Q. All right. Let me direct your
- 10 attention to the first page, Mrs. Millett.
- 11 A. Uh-huh.
- 12 Q. This seems to be -- well, this
- indicates an effort to purchase a product from
- 14 the TU Disclosure Fact website; do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes, that's the annualcreditreport.com
- 16 website where you would request your free annual
- 17 file disclosure.
- 18 Q. Okay. Did you do that?
- 19 A. Yes, I sure did.
- Q. And did you get a copy of your free
- 21 annual credit report from TransUnion?
- 22 A. On this occasion, I believe no.
- Q. And why not?
- A. Because the ICS did not complete.
- Q. Now, you said that if you go on to your

- 1 computer, which I don't have the luxury of
- doing, and if you logged in to the website as
- 3 yourself, it would indicate that you're a member
- 4 since March of 2005. Is that what you said?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. Okay. Now, this document indicates
- 7 that you attempted to get your free annual
- 8 disclosure from TransUnion in March 2005, right?
- 9 A. But I did that via the -- I did that --
- 10 that's the disclosure that's the fact act
- 11 disclosure, that's via the
- 12 annualcreditreport.com, that's not through the
- 13 TrueLink site.
- 14 Q. So, it's just coincidence then, as far
- 15 as you know, that both these dates are
- 16 March 2005?
- 17 A. Well, yeah, exactly.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. Because I may have gone to one and then
- 20 not gotten it there, and then gone and tried to
- log in directly or done something, I don't know.
- Q. I apologize if I asked this before,
- have you ever telephoned TrueLink?
- 24 A. Yes. I had to talk to TrueLink when
- 25 Steve's credit monitoring subscription was

- enabled because he couldn't pass ICS either.
- Q. And do you know why that was?
- 3 A. Because he had a fraud alert on his
- 4 credit file.
- 5 Q. All right.
- A. Now, one of the things that's
- 7 interesting is I don't understand as I'm looking
- 8 at this document is why Steve Millett's unique
- 9 user ID appears on my enrollment.
- 10 Q. Where do you see that, ma'am?
- 11 A. Under System Generated User ID under
- 12 System Log Data, do you see the unique user ID
- 13 the number associated with the IP
- 14 address on 3/6 of 2005? That unique user ID
- belongs to Steven Millett, Social Security No.
- , and it's listed on Page 2 of this
- 17 exhibit.
- 18 Q. Uh-huh.
- 19 A. In other words, they are tracking IPs
- and then associating IPs with other people's
- 21 files.
- Q. That's what you're concluding from this
- 23 document?
- A. No, that's what this document says. By
- 25 IP address, they are attaching my husband's

- 1 unique user ID to my individual subscription to
- 2 this particular website.
- 3 Q. Where does it say that?
- 4 A. Right there where it says User ID 111
- 5 --
- Q. Yeah, I see that ma'am.
- 7 A. Okay, now go to the next page.
- Q. Okay.
- 9 A. What is Steve Millett's user ID?
- 10 Q. Same number.
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. Okay. But --
- 13 A. Now when you look at Steve Millett's
- 14 system log data, what is the user ID generated
- 15 next to each IP for each log-in to the website
- for his use of the product?
- 17 Q. Okay.
- MS. YEAGER: I'm sorry, Melody,
- but you're the witness, and you don't need to be
- 20 asking him questions. He asks you.
- MR. O'NEIL: She's doing a good
- job though, give her that.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) There's two e-mail
- 24 addresses on the first two pages of this
- 25 document. On the first page, it's

- 1 melodymillett@kc.rr.com. Do you see that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Is that one of your e-mail addresses?
- A. Yes, that's my private e-mail address.
- 5 Q. Okay. Is that the e-mail address that
- 6 you used to open up your membership with True
- 7 Credit?
- 8 A. For mine.
- 9 Q. Yes.
- 10 A. Because the same e-mail address cannot
- 11 be used twice.
- 12 Q. Right. And the e-mail address that you
- gave TrueLink when you were purchasing as an
- 14 agent on behalf of your husband is
- 15 metalmaiden@sbcqlobal.net, right?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 O. Has that e-mail address been the same
- 18 since August of 2003?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. That's our default e-mail address for
- 22 our home ISP account.
- Q. What does that mean, that's your
- 24 default?
- 25 A. That's the e-mail address registered

- 1 with the phone company, you know, for my DSL
- 2 service.
- 3 Q. Okay. But the only people who will use
- 4 that address are the ones that you gave them
- 5 that address, right? I mean...
- A. No. What I mean is it's the default
- 7 account for the whole household. It belongs to
- 8 the phone number. Obviously we all use it, me,
- 9 my husband, some of the kids.
- 10 Q. Does your husband have his own unique
- 11 e-mail address?
- 12 A. No, he does not.
- 13 Q. You're not allowed to have more than
- one e-mail account with your phone company?
- 15 A. No. We can, but those are called sub
- 16 accounts. This is the master.
- 17 Q. So, your husband doesn't have his own
- unique e-mail address; is that right?
- 19 A. Right.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- MR. O'NEIL: I think we have to
- 22 change the tape, so let's go off the record.
- VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going
- off the record at 2:41 p.m.
- 25 (Recess.)

- 1 VIDEOGRAPHER: One moment please.
- 2 It is now 2:43 p.m. and we are back on the
- 3 record. You may continue.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Mrs. Millett, just so
- 5 the record's clear, you said that you telephoned
- 6 TrueLink when you first opened up the account
- 7 for your husband, right?
- 8 A. We had to because of the fraud alert.
- 9 Q. Okay. Did you ever telephone TrueLink
- 10 any time after that?
- 11 A. I may have.
- 12 Q. But, as you sit here, you don't recall?
- 13 A. I don't specifically recall specific
- 14 dates, no.
- 15 Q. Well, not that you don't recall
- 16 specific dates, you don't recall ever calling
- 17 them again, right?
- 18 A. I don't recall specifically calling
- 19 them, no. I know I've had communication with
- 20 some of the credit bureaus regarding specific
- 21 products, it's just hard to keep them all sorted
- 22 out.
- 23 Q. When you had conversations with the
- 24 credit bureaus or -- did you take notes of those
- 25 conversations?

- 1 A. What do you mean? I mean, if I had the
- 2 -- any notes that I have, have already been
- 3 produced.
- Q. Well, we don't have any -- we haven't
- 5 seen any notes of any conversations you had with
- 6 people from TrueLink. So, would that suggest to
- 7 you that there are no such notes?
- 8 A. That would be probably a fairly
- 9 accurate assumption.
- 10 Q. Okay. Why did you decide to buy
- 11 products from TrueLink on behalf of your husband
- 12 in August of 2003?
- 13 A. Because at that time we were only
- 14 monitoring one bureau.
- 15 O. And that was Equifax, right?
- 16 A. That was Equifax.
- 17 Q. So you wanted to monitor Mr. Millett's
- 18 file at TransUnion?
- 19 A. Yes, and Experian.
- Q. Okay. And what were you, specifically,
- 21 were you hoping to learn of as part of buying
- that service?
- 23 A. Any future activity that would occur
- 24 with Mr. Millett's Social Security number, or
- any of the fraudulent accounts, or any

- 1 fraudulent accounts in the future that would be
- 2 recorded after the time of purchase of the
- 3 product.
- Q. Now, by August of 2003, you had already
- 5 determined that TransUnion had what you called
- 6 split files for Mr. Millett and Mr. Perez,
- 7 right?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. And you had already determined that the
- 10 file disclosures you had seen to date for
- 11 Mr. Millett didn't show any indication of
- 12 Mr. Perez's activity, right?
- 13 A. The Fair Credit Reporting Act consumer
- 14 disclosures didn't have any indication, no.
- 15 O. Right. Right. So, you thought that if
- in the future some of Mr. Perez's accounts went
- on your husband's file, you would get notice of
- 18 that, right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. But you never got any notice of that;
- is that correct?
- 22 A. That is correct.
- Q. Okay. Did you have any conversations
- 24 with your husband about whether or not you
- should be purchasing credit monitoring products

- from TransUnion or TrueLink?
- 2 A. Yeah, we discussed it.
- 3 Q. Okay. And he testified that, and I
- 4 think it's in the interrogatory answers that you
- 5 wrote, that you recommended it and he agreed?
- 6 MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 7 Foundation.
- 8 A. Yeah, we were looking -- I was looking
- 9 at websites or whatever, and I found some
- 10 advertisements and we looked at it and we said,
- okay, yeah, let's do that because it won't hurt
- anything, or at least at the time we thought it
- wouldn't hurt anything.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) And you wanted to make
- 15 sure that if Mr. Perez continued his fraudulent
- 16 activity that you'd get notice of it, right?
- 17 A. Yep.
- 18 Q. Okay. And how did you get to the True
- 19 Credit website?
- 20 A. From the web. I imagine I entered
- 21 through the TransUnion.com website.
- Q. Well, do you imagine or do you know?
- 23 A. Well, I mean, I clicked on a link on
- the Google page and I went to the TransUnion
- 25 website and then there's the advertisement, and

- 1 you click on the button and then that's how you
- 2 go.
- 3 Q. So, you started off at Google then?
- 4 A. Google or Yahoo or some search engine.
- 5 I'm assuming it's Google because that's the one
- 6 I predominantly use.
- 7 Q. Okay. So, what did you type in to
- 8 Google then?
- 9 A. What do you mean? I was at Google
- 10 looking --
- 11 Q. Right.
- 12 A. -- for identity theft products.
- Q. So you must have typed a search --
- 14 A. Engine.
- O. Okay. You typed search terms in to
- 16 Google?
- 17 A. Uh-huh.
- 18 Q. What did you type in?
- 19 A. Well, I don't specifically recall
- 20 exactly what words I used.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. I mean...
- 23 Q. I mean -- okay. And then eventually
- somehow, some way, you got to the True Credit
- 25 site?

- 1 A. I got to the TransUnion site, yeah.
- Q. Okay. And then that took you to the
- 3 True Credit site?
- 4 A. Well, you click like the button on the
- 5 TransUnion site to sign up for monitoring, and
- 6 then you go into the whole monitoring sign up
- 7 page.
- 8 Q. Right.
- 9 A. I don't even know at that point in time
- 10 that I was even aware that I was in the True
- 11 Credit site.
- 12 Q. Well, you can always see the URL of the
- page that you're on, right?
- 14 A. Well, sometimes you can and sometimes
- 15 you can't.
- 16 Q. Have you ever gone into the True Credit
- site that same way since August of 2003?
- 18 A. What do you mean?
- 19 Q. You know, when you came in through the
- 20 TransUnion site?
- 21 A. I think you can still get there from
- the TransUnion site.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. But, I mean, now I usually open up like
- 25 the last e-mail we got and click the link that's

- in there and go directly out there.
- Q. Have you ever noticed the URL says
- 3 "truecredit.com"?
- 4 A. It does now. I don't know that it did
- 5 then.
- 6 (M. Millett Exhibit 15 was marked
- 7 for identification by the reporter.)
- 8 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Let me hand you what's
- 9 been marked Exhibit 15.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. They're some more pages that your
- lawyers have produced to us in this case.
- 13 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Have you ever seen these before?
- 15 A. Yes. I have.
- 16 Q. Can you identify them for the record?
- 17 A. I believe they're a copy of Steve
- 18 Millett's receipt and credit report from the
- 19 True Credit site, and some miscellaneous pages.
- 20 Partial terms of use, I don't know if I got the
- 21 whole thing. Yeah, I think it's the whole
- thing.
- Q. And you printed these out, right?
- 24 A. Yep.
- 25 Q. Did you view pages that day -- if you

- look in the bottom right-hand corner, it says
- 2 8/6/2003?
- 3 A. Yep.
- Q. And I believe each one of the pages in
- 5 Exhibit 15 have the same date?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Do you understand that that means
- 8 that's the date that you printed these out?
- 9 A. Yes, I understand that.
- 10 Q. Okay. And do you see the URL on each
- of these pages?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And it's truecredit.com, right?
- 14 A. I understand that, yes.
- 15 O. Okay.
- 16 A. Uh-huh.
- 17 Q. So, does this refresh your recollection
- 18 it didn't say TransUnion, it said
- 19 truecredit.com?
- 20 A. Well, what displays here is the actual
- 21 website. It's possible for the address bar in a
- 22 browser to display a different URL than the one
- that will print out at the bottom of this verse,
- 24 so.
- Q. Anything's possible, isn't sit,

- 1 Mrs. Millett? But as far as you know, it said
- truecredit.com, right?
- 3 A. As far as I know -- as far as I know, I
- 4 can't recall whether it said TransUnion or
- 5 truecredit.com.
- 6 O. Did you view any pages in the True
- 7 Credit website that day that you didn't print
- 8 out?
- 9 A. I could have.
- 10 Q. But you don't know as you sit here?
- 11 A. Not as I sit here, no.
- 12 Q. Okay. Why were you printing out the
- pages that you did?
- 14 A. Because this is the pages from when we
- 15 signed up for the product.
- 16 Q. But -- so you just wanted to print out
- 17 every page you looked at that day?
- 18 A. No. I printed out the pages from the
- 19 product for where I signed up the product --
- 20 from the product. Because this shows I'm
- 21 agreeing to pay a certain amount of money every
- so often, and I need that for my records so that
- when something shows up on my bank account I
- 24 know how much I'm supposed to be billed.
- 25 Q. But you printed out pages that did much

- 1 more than just tell you how much you owed,
- 2 right? I mean, for example, the very first page
- of Exhibit 15. That doesn't tell you how much
- 4 you're going to have to pay, does it?
- 5 A. 10.95 per quarter.
- 6 Q. Okay. Did you read the text on the
- 7 first page of Exhibit 15 prior to deciding to
- 8 purchase the product?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Did you read all of it?
- 11 A. I read a lot of this, yes.
- 12 Q. Directing your attention to the very
- first page, did you read all of the text on that
- 14 first page before you decided to buy the
- 15 product?
- 16 A. Well, like I probably didn't read this
- 17 little box down here where it says "example
- 18 credit trending." I mean, you know, I read the
- 19 basic text that's on the page.
- Q. Well, on the right-hand side of the
- 21 page, it tells you what you're going to get as
- 22 part of the product, right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you read that part?
- 25 A. Oh, yeah.

- 1 Q. Oh okay. And then on the far right of
- 2 each of those four categories, it says, says
- 3 "learn M" but I'll represent to you it says
- 4 "learn more." Okay?
- 5 A. It probably was cut off because this is
- one of those elongated pages that --
- 7 Q. Sure.
- 8 A. -- didn't want to print right.
- 9 Q. Do you recall, did you click on these
- "learn more" links to learn more about the
- 11 characteristics of the product that you were
- 12 about to buy?
- 13 A. I probably read all of this and then
- 14 read -- clicked the "yes keep me informed"
- 15 button.
- 16 Q. So, then is it your testimony that you
- did not click on the "learn more" links
- 18 associated with each of the four categories of
- 19 information?
- 20 A. No, that's not what I'm representing to
- 21 you.
- Q. Okay. That's my question, that's
- 23 why --
- A. I can't say that before I signed up for
- the product I clicked the "learn more" buttons,

- 1 because I may not have. But I may have done so
- 2 at a later date.
- Q. Okay.
- 4 A. And so I may have a copy in here of the
- 5 "learn more" and I may have actually read those
- 6 pages.
- 7 Q. All right.
- 8 A. But I can't recall in what order I
- 9 might have viewed that information, only that
- 10 I've probably viewed every page that's out there
- on the TU site at some point in time or other
- 12 now.
- 13 Q. The TU site?
- 14 A. The TU, TrueLink, whoever it is now.
- 15 Q. Okay. Well, I think it's important
- that we understand what site we're talking
- 17 about, wouldn't you agree?
- 18 A. Well, as I sit here, it still says
- 19 "TransUnion" at the top.
- Q. Okay. Let me go back to the question I
- 21 asked some time ago.
- 22 A. Okay.
- Q. Do you know if you ever clicked on the
- "learn more" hyperlinks which is reflected on
- 25 the first page of Exhibit 15?

- 1 A. I couldn't answer that one way or the
- 2 other.
- Q. Okay. Because you don't know, right?
- 4 A. I don't know for sure, no. I could
- 5 have and I also could not have.
- 6 Q. The top of the page says "Knowledge,
- 7 protection, convenience." Do you see that,
- 8 ma'am?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Says, "Knowledge, quarterly access to
- 11 your credit report with the analytical tools,"
- 12 right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Did you read that?
- 15 MS. YEAGER: I'm so to interrupt.
- 16 What page are we on?
- MR. O'NEIL: First page.
- 18 THE WITNESS: We're on the first
- 19 page.
- 20 A. Yes, I read that.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay. And then going
- 22 down in the right-hand side, it describes your
- 23 weekly fraud watch e-mails. I mean, that was
- 24 the main thing that you were getting as part of
- 25 the credit monitoring service, right?

- 1 A. The main thing?
- Q. Well, you know, that's a bad question,
- 3 let me withdraw that. Do you see there it says,
- 4 "Receive weekly e-mail alerts to changes in your
- 5 report"?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And then below that it says,
- 8 "Immediately find out about credit report
- 9 changes, including fraudulent activity, etc."
- 10 Do you see that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. When you read this, did you think to
- 13 yourself, well, this is only going to tell us
- 14 about changes to my husband's report and not
- about changes to Mr. Perez's report?
- 16 A. It says up here, "Complete identity
- theft protection with weekly fraud watch
- 18 e-mails" at the very top.
- 19 O. Could you just answer my question?
- 20 MR. O'NEIL: Let me go -- can the
- 21 court reporter read back my question?
- 22 (Whereupon, the requested portion
- of the record was read by the reporter.)
- A. No, I did not.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) And did you believe on

- 1 August 6, 2003, that even though TransUnion told
- 2 you they couldn't give you that information,
- 3 that you thought TrueLink was going to be able
- 4 to tell you about changes to Mr. Perez's report?
- 5 A. No. I thought they were going to tell
- 6 me about changes relating to my husband's Social
- 7 Security number.
- 8 Q. And why did you think that?
- 9 A. Because they're advertising complete
- 10 identity theft protection, and I thought that
- 11 meant they were going to be protecting the
- 12 Social Security number once I signed up for this
- 13 product.
- Q. Well, Mrs. Millett, wait a minute. As
- of August 2003, you had already gone around and
- 16 round and round with TransUnion, Experian and
- 17 Equifax, right? And all three of them told you
- 18 we can't give you any information in Mr. Perez's
- 19 report, right?
- 20 A. No, TransUnion gave me information in
- 21 Mr. Perez's report, it's in the letter.
- Q. Okay. They told you what the accounts
- were, but they told you they couldn't give you
- the details about the report, right?
- 25 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand the

- 1 question.
- Q. Okay. Here's my question, given your
- 3 frustration with the credit bureaus, because now
- 4 you're suggesting that TransUnion was helpful,
- 5 but earlier you suggested that none of the
- 6 bureaus were helping you in trying to understand
- 7 how Mr. Perez's activity might impact your
- 8 husband's credit file, right?
- 9 MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 10 Misstates the testimony.
- 11 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand the
- 12 question.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay. You just told me
- that you believed on August 6, 2003, that
- 15 TrueLink was going to advise you of Mr. Perez's
- 16 use of your husband's Social Security number.
- 17 Is that what you said?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. But you already knew that such
- information wasn't on your husband's TransUnion
- 21 file disclosure, right?
- 22 A. Some was.
- 23 Q. What?
- 24 A. The inquiries.
- Q. No, you know what, Mrs. Millett, we're

- going to be here for four days. You already
- 2 testified that in January 2003 you did not
- 3 suspect that it was a fraudulent inquiry by
- 4 Farmers, it was only much later after you got
- 5 subpoenas. Do you recall that?
- 6 A. Yes, I recall that.
- 7 Q. Let's focus your attention on August 6,
- 8 2003, and what you knew that day. Okay?
- 9 A. Okay.
- 10 Q. August 6, 2003, you already knew that
- 11 TransUnion's file disclosure didn't have any
- evidence of Mr. Perez's misuse of your husband's
- 13 SSN, right?
- 14 A. On August 6, 2003, yes, that's correct.
- 15 O. Okay. And you also already knew that
- 16 TransUnion would not give you any information
- 17 regarding Mr. Perez's use of the SSN?
- 18 A. That is not a true statement.
- 19 O. Oh, because you had to ask for the
- 20 letter?
- 21 A. Because they gave me the letter.
- Q. Well, no, because you told me this
- 23 morning that they only gave it to you after your
- lawyer threatened litigation, right?
- 25 A. I understand that, but they did give me

- 1 the letter.
- Q. According to you, according to your
- 3 testimony this morning, they only did it after
- 4 your lawyer threatened litigation. Do you
- 5 recall that testimony?
- 6 A. That is correct.
- 7 Q. Okay. So, you thought that even though
- 8 you weren't threatening TrueLink with litigation
- 9 on August 6, 2003, and everything that you knew
- 10 -- and I'm not going to go through it now
- 11 because our record's pretty clear about what you
- 12 knew and what your dealings were with TransUnion
- prior to August 6, 2003, the record is what it
- is -- are you telling me that on August 6, 2003,
- 15 you honestly believed that TrueLink was going to
- give you information that TransUnion wouldn't?
- 17 Is that your testimony?
- 18 A. It is my -- yes, it is my testimony.
- 19 It's my testimony that they were going to give
- 20 me information relating to my husband's Social
- 21 Security number, yes, it is. Because they're
- 22 advertising complete identity theft protection.
- 23 Q. I'm going to answer -- ask the question
- 24 again. Is it your testimony that on August 6,
- 25 2003, you thought you can get information from

- 1 TransUnion through TrueLink that TransUnion
- 2 itself wouldn't give you?
- 3 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 4 Q. And the reason why you thought that,
- 5 ma'am?
- 6 A. Because their marketing material
- 7 advertises complete identity theft protection,
- 8 so I thought that they would be getting
- 9 information relating to protecting someone from
- 10 identity theft and the fraudulent use of Social
- 11 Security number in the future from the data
- 12 product purchase. That's what I thought, yes.
- 13 Q. Even though it says the weekly e-mail
- 14 alerts would only alert you to changes in
- 15 Mr. Millett's report?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 17 Foundation.
- 18 A. I'm sorry?
- 19 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) You thought that even
- 20 though you were expressly advised that the
- 21 weekly fraud watch e-mails would only alert you
- 22 to changes in Mr. Millett's report? You thought
- 23 that?
- A. Well, we've already -- yes, I still
- 25 thought that.

- 1 Q. Okay. And you explained all this to
- 2 the judge in the Experian case, right?
- 3 MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 4 Foundation.
- 5 A. I didn't explain anything to the judge
- 6 in the Experian case, because I haven't even
- 7 seen the judge in the Experian case.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay. Well, you
- 9 understand that your lawyers made arguments on
- 10 your behalf?
- 11 A. Oh, I understand that, yes.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. But that's not what you said.
- Q. Okay. Well, I'm sorry, that's why I
- 15 made another question. You made this same claim
- in the Experian case, right? You made the claim
- that even though there is specific references to
- only changes in your report, because there was a
- 19 general promise of identity theft protection,
- that you believed you'd get information outside
- 21 the report. Do you recall that that was one of
- the claims you made in the Experian case?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 24 Foundation. Misstates the evidence.
- 25 A. It's essentially the same.

- 1 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) It's the same claim,
- 2 right?
- 3 A. It's not the same exact claim, but,
- 4 yes, it's the same.
- Q. Okay.
- 6 A. It's similar.
- 7 Q. And the judge rejected that, didn't he?
- 8 A. I'm sorry.
- 9 Q. The judge rejected that understanding?
- 10 The judge rejected that claim; isn't that right?
- 11 A. Well, that claim was dismissed, yes, on
- 12 a motion for summary judgement.
- 13 Q. Do you recall that the judge said that
- it was not reasonable for you to think that you
- were going to get that information, given that
- 16 you were told you'd only be alerted to changes
- in your credit report?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection. Lack of
- 19 foundation. Misstates the evidence.
- 20 A. I'm sorry, somebody will have to repeat
- 21 the question?
- MR. O'NEIL: I'll ask the court
- 23 reporter to do it.
- 24 (Whereupon, the requested portion
- of the record was read by the reporter.)

- 1 A. I'm not sure that that's exactly how
- that's worded in the pleading. I'd have to look
- 3 at the judgement thing to confirm how that
- 4 actually is worded. So, I don't necessarily
- 5 agree with that presentation of it.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Did you ever read the
- 7 ruling?
- 8 A. Yes, I did read the ruling.
- 9 Q. So you don't remember him calling your
- 10 belief unreasonable?
- 11 A. I also recall -- I don't -- I don't
- recall him saying that exactly, no, I don't.
- 13 Q. Okay. Let me direct your attention,
- Mrs. Millett, to the page that's numbered
- 15 Millett 877. Can you identify that for the
- 16 record, ma'am?
- 17 A. Identify what for the record?
- 18 Q. What is this document, do you know?
- 19 A. Looks to be part of the sign-on for the
- 20 True Credit product, but I can't be sure because
- 21 some of the text is blurry. I can't read the
- 22 title at the top, so I'm not sure. But it does
- look to be like that might be part of it.
- Q. Okay. And then let me go two pages
- 25 later, if I can ask you to turn two pages later,

- 1 Mrs. Millett.
- 2 A. Uh-huh.
- 3 Q. It says, "Your credit monitoring
- 4 membership includes fraud resolution services."
- 5 Do you see that?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Did you ever use the fraud resolution
- 8 services offered by TrueLink?
- 9 A. No. Because the TrueLink product has
- 10 never notified me of any fraud which I needed to
- 11 contact fraud resolution services for.
- 12 Q. Well, you thought Mr. Millett was a
- victim of identity theft on August 6, 2003,
- 14 right?
- 15 A. Well, that's correct, but I didn't
- 16 purchase the product to deal with identity theft
- that occurred before August 6, 2003. I
- 18 purchased the product to monitor for identity
- 19 theft in the future, which I was never notified
- of, so, therefore, I never accessed the fraud
- 21 resolution services.
- 22 Q. So you never had any need to access the
- fraud resolution services; is that right?
- A. No, that's not a true statement either.
- We had a need, we just didn't know we had a

- 1 need.
- Q. Okay, wait a minute. August 6, 2003,
- 3 did you think your husband was a victim of
- 4 identity theft?
- 5 A. Of course.
- 6 Q. Okay. So, why didn't you use it on the
- 7 very first day?
- 8 A. Because their product services their --
- 9 this is specifically supposed to be used for
- 10 services that are notified for you by their
- 11 monitoring service. So, since I don't have --
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. You know, I can't call them up to say,
- oh, you need to resolve this account from 2002,
- because I wasn't a member in 2002.
- 16 Q. That's your understanding?
- 17 A. That's my understanding.
- 18 Q. Okay. Has your husband been a victim
- of identity theft since August 2003?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. In what way?
- 22 A. Abundio Perez has obtained additional
- 23 activities that are related to credit that have
- occurred since August of 2003, yes.
- Q. Using your husband's SSN?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. What activity is that?
- 3 A. Judgement from Ford Motor Credit for
- 4 \$4,000, public records information, criminal
- 5 conviction, I believe, recorded against my
- 6 husband's Social Security number in California
- 7 that was not part of this record.
- 8 Q. I'm sorry, go ahead.
- 9 A. The J. C. Penney's account, which was
- 10 relabeled with my husband's address which then
- 11 resulted in Abundio Perez's mail being sent to
- 12 my house. The Home Depot account which was
- later relabeled with my husband's name and
- 14 address, still has his Social Security number,
- but has Abundio Perez's telephone number.
- 16 Q. So, when you learned all this after
- 17 August 6, 2003, did you call the fraud
- 18 resolutions services then?
- 19 A. I didn't learn all of that until TU
- 20 began -- and some of it I didn't learn until
- 21 2005 when we started with subpoenas and
- 22 subpoenaed documents. So, I mean, you know, I
- 23 didn't know it in 2003, no.
- Q. Okay. So, in 2005 when you learned
- 25 about it, did you call and take advantage of the

- 1 fraud resolution services?
- 2 A. No, I did not. I worked out that those
- 3 issues are being worked through my attorney,
- 4 because they were a result of this litigation
- 5 investigation.
- 6 Q. So, are you making any claim in this
- 7 lawsuit with respect to the fraud resolution
- 8 services?
- 9 A. I believe that there was some
- information on that in the breach of contract
- 11 claim in that the fraud resolutions services
- 12 relating to Promise Mark were in the original
- 13 contract and that Promise Mark was not
- 14 available.
- 0. Well, that's what your lawyers have
- 16 said.
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 Q. I'm asking what you're saying under
- oath. Do you have any factual knowledge to
- 20 support any claim regarding the fraud resolution
- 21 services?
- 22 A. What do you mean factual claim? If you
- have something in the contract for fraud
- 24 resolution services that says Promise Mark is
- going to provide those services, and you no

- longer even had a contract with Promise Mark to
- 2 cover the period of time for our contract, then
- 3 there was nobody to provide the contracted
- 4 services. So, I don't know --
- 5 Q. How do you know that?
- 6 A. Huh?
- 7 Q. How do you know that?
- 8 A. How do I know what?
- 9 Q. That there was nobody to provide the
- 10 services?
- 11 A. Well, because Promise Mark -- you
- 12 didn't have an agreement with Promise Mark after
- a certain date, it's in your documents.
- Q. Well, yeah, you learned that after you
- filed the lawsuit?
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 Q. Okay. So, it's your belief that there
- was a period of time when TrueLink wasn't
- 19 offering fraud resolution services?
- 20 A. I believe there was a period of time in
- 21 which TrueLink was advertising it had fraud
- 22 resolutions services, but I'm not sure that the
- 23 people who signed the contracts had listed in
- their contracts the actual person who was
- 25 providing the services they were receiving.

- 1 Q. Okay. Well, I'll show you later that
- 2 that claim has no merit. But you don't have any
- 3 information about it, it's just what your
- 4 lawyers told you, right?
- 5 A. Well, it's just what my -- and what
- 6 I've seen in the documents.
- 7 Q. Do you remember reading on August six,
- 8 2003, that credit monitoring membership
- 9 agreement?
- 10 A. I believe it's in this document right
- 11 here.
- Q. Where is that, ma'am?
- 13 A. It's on Page 879, "Fraud resolution
- 14 service provided by Promise Mark terms of
- 15 service provide..."
- 16 Q. Okay. So you're -- I asked you about
- the membership agreement, you're talking about
- 18 something else.
- 19 A. It says right here, "Your credit
- 20 monitoring membership --"
- Q. Ma'am, please just listen to my
- 22 question and answer my question. My question
- was, do you recall reading the credit monitoring
- 24 membership agreement that was on the site on
- 25 August 6, 2003?

- 1 A. I thought this was it.
- 2 O. Okay. That's your understanding?
- 3 A. I thought this was it.
- 4 Q. Okay. Do you recall having to click "I
- 5 agree" to a contract before you could get the
- 6 services from TrueLink? I'll tell you it's not
- 7 in there, so you can look all you want.
- 8 A. No, I'm looking for the part in the
- 9 paragraph where it says you have to click "I
- 10 agree".
- 11 Q. It's -- what I'm telling you, ma'am,
- 12 it's not in there. You can look all you want,
- but it's not in there. That's why I asked you
- 14 the question, which is really separate and apart
- 15 from what you're looking at. As you sit here
- 16 today, do you recall reading the credit
- monitoring membership agreement on the
- 18 TransUnion website when you were establishing
- 19 the account on behalf of your husband?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 21 Foundation.
- 22 A. Well, I read parts of it, because there
- 23 is it is right there.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay. Do you remember
- 25 this morning joking about how it's got 20

- 1 paragraphs and it's so long and who reads that
- 2 stuff? Do you remember that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. What's your recollection? Did
- 5 you read the first sentence? Did you read none
- of it? Did you skim it? I think you said you
- 7 skimmed it this morning?
- 8 A. Yep.
- 9 Q. Okay. Do you recall when you skimmed
- 10 the membership agreement in August of 2003, did
- it have any reference to the fraud resolution
- 12 services?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. You do recall that?
- 15 A. I do recall some of it.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. Yeah.
- 18 Q. And did it tell you that they'd be
- 19 presented by Promise Mark?
- 20 A. Well, the advertisement on the page
- 21 represented that, so I don't know that I
- 22 remember that the agreement specifically says
- that, but it is part of my recollection.
- Q. Were you acting as an agent for your
- 25 husband when you clicked "I agree" to the credit

- 1 monitoring membership agreement?
- 2 A. Sure.
- 3 Q. And then part of Exhibit 15 is the
- 4 credit file for your husband, right?
- 5 A. I think there would -- looked like
- there were some pages to it in here.
- 7 Q. It begins on Page 884, Mrs. Millett.
- 8 A. Okay.
- 9 Q. There's no handwriting on these pages.
- 10 Do you or your husband recall noting any
- 11 inaccuracies in this information?
- 12 A. There's no notes on these pages because
- 13 at that time I don't think we noted any because
- this was printed in August of 2003.
- 15 O. Do you recall noting any errors in the
- 16 document?
- 17 A. Well, there was an inquiry on 4/29 of
- 18 '03 from Citibank, which does not correspond to
- any granting of credit, that's on Millett 888.
- 20 But that wouldn't be discovered for much later.
- Q. What I'm asking is, when you read this
- in August of 2003, did you see that inquiry and
- think, well, that's not ours?
- A. Well, this inquiry section that's on
- 25 here doesn't tell you what type of inquiry it

- 1 would, like it would on an official TransUnion
- disclosure. So I don't know if this is a fraud
- 3 inquiry, I don't know if it's a promotional
- 4 inquiry, I don't know what kind of inquiry it is
- 5 sitting here looking on the inquiry information
- 6 on this product.
- 7 Q. Do you see the sentence under the
- 8 heading "Inquiry Information"?
- 9 A. Yes, I see that section. But that's --
- 10 there are different types of inquiries at the
- 11 credit bureaus. There's hard inquiries, there's
- soft inquiries, there are inquiries where your
- information has been sold as a promotional
- 14 purpose.
- 0. Okay, I'll go back to the guestion I
- 16 asked some time ago.
- 17 A. Okay.
- 18 Q. When you saw this document in August of
- 19 2003, at that time, do you recall noting any
- 20 questions, errors, discrepancies in this
- 21 document?
- 22 A. I don't recall noting anything specific
- or writing anything specific down, but this Citi
- one in my mind even at that point in time was
- 25 kind of questionable.

- 1 Q. Oh, you recall thinking that in August
- 2 of 2003?
- 3 A. I recall thinking that, but not
- 4 understanding. Because, you have to remember, I
- 5 closed down Citibank accounts for Abundio Perez,
- 6 so I didn't know if this was a fraud inquiry or
- 7 what it was. And without additional
- 8 investigation, I wouldn't know that.
- 9 Q. Did you ever -- when you were calling
- 10 all of the creditors of Mr. Perez in early 2003,
- 11 did you ever say that they could check your
- 12 credit report as part of their investigation?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. And nor do they have the right to do
- 16 so, I don't think, as part of a fraud
- 17 investigation.
- 18 Q. They have a right to do so if you tell
- 19 them they can. Do you understand that?
- 20 A. Well, if I told them I could, but that
- 21 would have to be in writing.
- Q. Okay. Let me show you what's been
- 23 marked Exhibit 16, which are two pages that were
- 24 produced by your lawyers in this case,
- 25 Mrs. Millett.

- 1 (M. Millett Exhibit 16 was marked
- 2 for identification by the reporter.)
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Do you recall that you
- 4 printed out certain of the e-mails you got from
- 5 TrueLink for your lawyers?
- 6 A. Did I print this or did somebody else
- 7 print this at the legal office? I don't know.
- 8 O. I have no idea either.
- 9 A. I could have sent it to them
- 10 electronically and they could have printed this
- 11 out.
- 12 Q. We're all trying to figure out how that
- whole thing worked actually. Do you recall
- 14 getting an e-mail a month after you signed up
- for credit monitoring on behalf of your
- 16 husband --
- 17 A. Uh-huh.
- 18 Q. -- alerting you that no credit alerts
- 19 had been triggered by changes to your credit
- 20 report?
- 21 A. Yeah, but this is the monthly e-mail,
- it's not the weekly e-mail.
- Q. Okay. So, even when you don't get the
- 24 weekly alerts, you got a monthly alert telling
- you there's been no alerts?

- 1 A. Right.
- Q. And you got this type of e-mail on a
- 3 number of occasions, didn't you?
- 4 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay.
- 6 A. I can't tell you exactly how many
- 7 times.
- 8 Q. I wasn't going to ask you. It says,
- 9 "Dear Steven, During the last 30 days, no credit
- 10 alerts have been triggered by changes to your
- 11 credit report." Do you see that?
- 12 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And it says, "That means, 1, no one has
- 14 applied for credit in your name."
- 15 A. Uh-huh.
- 16 Q. "No one has opened an account in your
- 17 name."
- 18 A. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. "There were no late payments recorded
- on your credit report. There were no
- 21 bankruptcies other public records posted to your
- 22 credit report." And says, "No one has changed
- your address with the credit bureaus." Says,
- "You are now informed and up to date about your
- 25 credit status." Do you see that, ma'am?

- 1 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. When you got these, did you think,
- 3 well, I was expecting much more than this, I was
- 4 expecting that they would give me information
- 5 about Mr. Perez's use of my husband's SSN even
- 6 if it didn't hit his file? Did you think that?
- 7 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand the
- 8 question.
- 9 Q. Okay. Well, it was a long one, so
- 10 that's fair.
- 11 A. Yeah, I got twisted around somewhere in
- 12 there.
- 13 Q. Yeah. Well, let me try to make it
- 14 shorter. Isn't it fair to say that what
- 15 TrueLink was telling you the first month after
- 16 you bought this service that the service was
- about changes to your credit report, it wasn't
- 18 saying -- and that it was about credit in your
- 19 name, not credit using your Social Security
- 20 number, it was about opening an account in your
- 21 name, not opening an account with your Social
- 22 Security number. When you read this, did you
- think to yourself, well, maybe just like
- 24 TransUnion wouldn't do it before, this credit
- 25 monitoring service is not going to give me the

- 1 information that I thought that they were going
- 2 to give me?
- 3 A. Well, on September 5th when I received
- 4 this e-mail, I kind of went, whew, you know.
- Q. Okay.
- 6 A. Later on though, as the evidence in the
- 7 subpoenas and the information from the subpoenas
- 8 rolled in, now I'm kind of angry about it.
- 9 Because on or around this time that this
- 10 particular e-mail that you bring up which has
- 11 specific significance is this is when the
- 12 account for Home Depot was relabeled. So, if
- the Home Depot account was going to appear, this
- is the particular e-mail it should have appeared
- 15 in.
- 16 Q. Well, if the Home Depot account was on
- 17 your husband's credit report, it should show up
- 18 here, right?
- 19 A. Well, if it's on his file, his credit
- 20 file --
- 21 Q. Right.
- 22 A. -- not his disclosure, but his file, it
- 23 should have appeared here.
- Q. And, of course, if it wasn't on his
- credit file, then it shouldn't have, right?

- 1 A. Well, but it is, so.
- Q. And we've been through that.
- 3 A. Right.
- 4 Q. That's your speculation that someday
- 5 you think you're going to prove.
- 6 A. Well, I think it's a reasonable
- 7 inference because we have the information from
- 8 the creditor in question that shows their own
- 9 system where they changed the file.
- 10 Q. Does anywhere here does it say that no
- one has applied for credit using your SSN?
- 12 A. No, it does not.
- 13 Q. Does anywhere does it say that nothing
- has occurred outside of your credit report?
- 15 A. No, it doesn't say that.
- 16 Q. It says that you could view a complete
- 17 history of your credit alerts by linking to a
- 18 particular hyperlink. Do you see that?
- 19 A. Yeah, that's where you go in and view
- 20 an alert if you had one.
- Q. Okay. Well, no, you can view a
- 22 complete history of your alerts it says.
- 23 A. Well, I know.
- Q. Okay. Have you ever done that?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Have you ever printed that out for your
- 2 lawyers?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. No. You could go into it today and
- 5 print out a history of all the alerts you got,
- 6 right, since August of 2003?
- 7 A. I think so, yeah.
- 8 Q. But you haven't done that, right?
- 9 A. No, because it's designed to be an
- 10 online product.
- 11 Q. Well, did you ever stop to think that
- 12 I'm suing TrueLink on behalf of a class
- 13 regarding the credit alerts, they have asked for
- 14 all information regarding the credit alerts,
- maybe I should print that out and give it to
- them in response to their document request?
- 17 A. I'm sorry?
- 18 Q. Did you ever think that you had to --
- 19 you had an obligation to print the history of
- 20 the credit alerts in responding to document
- 21 requests in this case?
- A. No, I didn't think so.
- MR. CLOON: Can we take a break?
- We've been going for an hour 45 minutes.
- 25 THE WITNESS: I need to pee. I'm

- 1 sorry, was that on the record.
- MR. O'NEIL: She needs to pee,
- 3 then we've got to take a break.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Sorry, I just said
- 5 that on the record.
- 6 MR. O'NEIL: That's okay, let's
- 7 take a break.
- VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going
- 9 off the record at 3:21.
- 10 (Recess.)
- 11 VIDEOGRAPHER: The time now is
- 12 3:39 p.m. and we are back on the record. You
- may continue.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Thank you.
- 15 Mrs. Millett, I'm handing you what's been marked
- 16 as Exhibit 17, which is another document that
- 17 your lawyers have produced to TrueLink in this
- 18 case. Appears to be a -- appears to be an
- e-mail dated November 3, 2003 addressed to
- 20 Steven, but with your e-mail address, correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 (M. Millett Exhibit 17 was marked
- for identification by the reporter.)
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) The subject line is

- 1 "Important upgrade to your service," and then
- 2 the text of the e-mail describes the upgrades.
- 3 Do you recall learning shortly after you had
- 4 purchased the credit monitoring product on
- 5 behalf of your husband that True Credit had
- 6 upgraded the service?
- 7 A. Well, they sent this e-mail saying they
- 8 had upgraded the service.
- 9 Q. Right. Well, do you have any reason to
- 10 believe that it was inaccurate to say that you
- 11 were now going to be getting identity theft
- insurance at no additional cost?
- 13 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand.
- 14 Q. Well, I asked you if you recall that
- there was an upgrade, and you said, well, they
- 16 said there was an upgrade, so I was wondering if
- 17 you were suggesting that this was another lie
- that they had made to you. I mean, according to
- 19 the e-mail, you were being informed that the
- 20 credit monitoring service now includes identity
- theft insurance, and enhanced fraud resolution.
- 22 Do you recall getting this e-mail?
- 23 A. Yeah, I recall getting the e-mail.
- Q. And do you recall learning it for the
- 25 first time at no additional cost you would now

- 1 have identity theft insurance as part of the
- 2 service that you had purchased?
- 3 A. No, I would not have identity theft
- 4 insurance.
- Q. Why not?
- A. Because the identity theft insurance
- 7 rider that goes along with this particular
- 8 upgrade specifically excludes identity theft
- 9 which has occurred prior to the institution of
- 10 the policy.
- 11 Q. Okay. But it covered identity theft
- that occurred after you began the service,
- 13 right?
- 14 A. No, it doesn't. It only covers -- it
- only covers identity theft that actually occurs
- after the policy is in force. If the person who
- is using the identity was using the identity
- 18 before the policy took effect, even if the theft
- is recorded after the insurance goes into
- 20 effect, you don't have any benefits or coverage.
- Q. Okay. And how do you know that?
- 22 A. Because that's what the fine print says
- on the product.
- Q. Okay. But, of course, if somebody else
- 25 stole your husband's identity, that would be

- 1 covered, right?
- 2 A. Provided the actual identity theft
- 3 occurred after the policy was put in place.
- 4 Q. Okay. Okay. So you do recall that
- 5 then?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. And then it also describes how
- 8 the fraud resolution services have become
- 9 improved, or "enhanced" is the word they use.
- 10 Do you see that?
- 11 A. (Indicating.)
- 12 Q. And do you see that it says on the
- 13 right-hand side about fraud resolution, it says,
- 14 quote, "Previously provided by Promise Mark,
- fraud resolution services are now provided by
- 16 TransUnion's Fraud Victims Assistance
- 17 Department"? Do you see that?
- 18 A. Yes. I see that.
- 19 Q. Okay. Now, does that refresh your
- 20 recollection that there was never any lapse in
- 21 the fraud resolution services that were offered
- 22 as part of credit monitoring?
- 23 A. Well, the TransUnion Fraud Victims
- 24 Assistance Department here doesn't take effect
- 25 until November 3rd of 2003 when they sent this

- 1 e-mail out. So, the contract was started in
- 2 August of 2003, so who was covering it between
- 3 August and November?
- Q. Do you have any reason to believe that
- 5 it wasn't TransUnion?
- 6 A. What do you mean? That it wasn't
- 7 Promise Mark or it wasn't --
- 8 Q. Well, who cares. I mean, frankly, does
- 9 it matter who's providing the service?
- 10 A. Well, if you've contracted for a
- 11 service and that person is no longer and has not
- 12 been providing that service -- this does not
- show that TransUnion was covering it from August
- 14 until now. This only says that TransUnion comes
- on in November and starts covering it.
- 16 Q. Do you have any evidence that fraud
- 17 resolution services were not available to those
- 18 who purchased credit monitoring at any time
- 19 since August 6, 2003, other than the pleading
- that you saw your lawyers had written?
- 21 A. I think there's some documents to that
- 22 effect, or something along those lines, relating
- 23 to when Promise Mark exited or whatever, there
- 24 are dates associated with that.
- Q. Well, as you sit here today now, do you

- 1 think those documents indicate that there was a
- 2 lapse in the services, the fraud resolutions
- 3 services that were being provided by TrueLink?
- 4 A. Well, I mean, the -- in my mind, at
- 5 least from my understanding and that's all I can
- 6 speak to, I don't -- I don't know who was
- 7 providing those service from August of 2003
- 8 until November of 2003 when this notice arrived.
- 9 Q. Do you have any reason to believe it
- 10 wasn't Promise Mark?
- 11 A. Well, I didn't call the fraud services,
- 12 so I don't know for sure that it wasn't Promise
- 13 Mark. But I do know that the documents that
- were produced, at least from my understanding
- and my recollection as I sit here, was that
- 16 Promise Mark exited, I thought, some time during
- 17 the summer, and so then there was no coverage
- between the time I enrolled in the product and
- 19 the time that TU's fraud resolutions services
- 20 took over. But, I mean, that's just my
- 21 recollection as I'm sitting here. I don't have
- those documents in front of me.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 (M. Millett Exhibit 18 was marked
- for identification by the reporter.)

- 1 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Let me hand you what's
- been marked Exhibit 18. Which is another
- document that was produced by your lawyers.
- 4 Again, it's addressed to
- 5 metalmaiden@sbcglobal.net. And it's -- the
- 6 subject line is "Your receipt from True Credit."
- 7 Do you see that, ma'am?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Says, "Dear Steven, Welcome to True
- 10 Credit's award winning credit monitoring
- 11 service." Do you see that?
- 12 A. Uh-huh.
- 13 Q. "We're pleased that you've chosen our
- 14 program." And then down below, it has "order
- 15 details."
- 16 A. Uh-huh.
- 17 Q. Has an order date of May 23, 2004.
- 18 A. Uh-huh.
- 19 O. Do you recall getting this e-mail?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. So, did you affirmatively -- you told
- 22 us earlier that you thought the credit
- 23 monitoring subscription was self renewing unless
- 24 you told it not to renew?
- 25 A. I believe that's what the agreement

- 1 says.
- Q. Okay. Do you recall now that you
- 3 affirmatively ordered credit monitoring again in
- 4 May of 2004?
- 5 A. No, I do not.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. This is the receipt that they generate
- 8 every quarter when they renew the product. They
- 9 always send a receipt every quarter like this.
- 10 Q. And every receipt of renewal says
- 11 welcome to the service, as opposed to you've
- 12 been renewed automatically?
- 13 A. Sometimes they do, yeah.
- 14 Q. Okay. So, --
- 15 A. I mean, I didn't physically go into the
- site and renew the product to get this mail.
- 17 This was sent to me. This was after the alert
- 18 fell off and was reinstated. And Amanda was
- 19 around this time I know, because we were having
- 20 discussions about at that time they thought it
- 21 was the fraud alert falling on and off or some
- other issue, but that's not what we later
- 23 determined.
- Q. With all due respect, Amanda wasn't
- around. This was dated May of 2004, you didn't

- 1 sue TransUnion until June of 2004.
- 2 A. But there's another mail like this one
- 3 in '05 I believe.
- 4 Q. Did you get receipts whenever the
- 5 subscription automatically renewed?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And did they always say welcome to the
- 8 service, we're pleased that you've chosen, which
- 9 would suggest to me that it's a brand new start
- of the service and not a renewal?
- 11 A. Well, they sent the mail, so I don't
- 12 know why this mail says welcome. But I did not
- go in and renew the service.
- 14 Q. Okay. Did you ever recall getting
- 15 receipts that said we've renewed your
- 16 subscription?
- 17 A. I've gotten receipts like that, but I
- 18 can't say if it's with this product or one of
- 19 the other products. So, I mean, I'd have to
- look at the mail to be able to say.
- Q. I'm not sure that we've ever seen any
- documents that were produced by your lawyers
- 23 that constituted notice of a renewal from
- 24 TrueLink. But you think that you did get such
- e-mails?

- 1 A. Well, I mean, I got e-mails from some
- of the credit monitoring products that say
- 3 here's your renewal or whatever. So, whether it
- 4 was this one or not, unless I had the e-mail
- 5 here in front of me, I really couldn't say.
- 6 Q. And if I don't have the e-mail, I can't
- 7 help refresh your recollection, right?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. But, otherwise, you're confused as to
- 10 what e-mails you got from what company, right?
- 11 A. I've gotten a bunch of e-mails, there's
- 12 no question.
- 13 Q. From multiple companies?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. And unless somebody puts them in front
- of you, it's hard for you to separate them out?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 (M. Millett Exhibit 19 was marked
- 20 for identification by the reporter.)
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Let me show you what's
- been marked Exhibit 19, which is another
- document that was produced by your lawyers in
- this case. The first part of the document
- 25 appears to be a copy of a credit report that you

- got from TrueLink regarding your husband. I'd
- 2 like to direct your attention to the last two
- 3 pages. Beginning on the second to the last
- 4 page, it seems to be the end of the credit
- 5 report, but then at the bottom of that page
- 6 seems to be the beginning of an e-mail. Do you
- 7 see that?
- 8 A. Yep.
- 9 Q. And the credit report is dated -- well,
- 10 I'm not sure there is a date -- can you explain
- 11 why it looks as if two separate documents were
- 12 somehow combined into one?
- 13 A. Because the credit report was printed
- 14 -- because there was an e-mail in between here
- 15 too to Barry Grissom.
- 16 Q. Yeah, we'll get to that in a second.
- 17 But there is the credit report and then there is
- the e-mail alert. Do you see that?
- 19 A. I see that.
- Q. But you didn't get the documents this
- 21 way from TrueLink, did you?
- 22 A. What do you mean?
- Q. Meaning that on the second to last
- 24 page, there was the end of the credit report and
- 25 then the beginning of an e-mail?

- 1 A. I got the alert e-mail first.
- 2 O. Right.
- 3 A. This alert was blank. So I went in and
- 4 purchased the credit report, which is the piece
- 5 that's pasted in to the top of the e-mail which
- 6 was then forwarded to my attorney.
- 7 Q. Okay, now I understand. So, you took
- 8 the two documents, put them in one e-mail and
- 9 sent them to your lawyers?
- 10 A. Well, actually, no. I took the
- 11 original e-mail sent from True Credit and
- 12 forwarded it. I pasted the new credit report
- inside it and then typed my stuff on the front
- and then mailed it to Barry and Joyce.
- O. So, this is not how you got the two
- 16 separate documents from TrueLink, you kind of
- 17 combined them in an e-mail to your lawyer?
- 18 A. I forwarded the one document to my
- 19 lawyer directly.
- Q. What document is that?
- 21 A. That's this last one which says it's
- 22 the credit alert, that's why the subject says FW
- 23 colon, because it's a forward of the actual
- 24 credit alert e-mail that came from TransUnion.
- 25 Q. I understand. But then you also --

- 1 A. I pasted in the credit report I
- 2 purchased.
- Q. Okay, now I understand. So, when you
- 4 pasted in the credit report -- okay. But the
- 5 credit report doesn't have a date on it?
- A. Yes, it does, on Page 1000.
- 7 Q. Oh, you're right, I'm sorry, it does
- 8 say August 16th there. So the -- okay, now I
- 9 understand.
- 10 Now, the last page of this document is
- 11 the credit alert, says "If changes appear in
- 12 your credit report, for further details click
- here." The last page ma'am?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. Now, that's the way the alert's always
- looked, that the e-mail just said there was a
- 17 change in your credit report, and then you had
- 18 to click on a link to learn what the change was,
- 19 right?
- 20 A. You click on the link and then you log
- 21 in.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. And then you can learn what the --
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. What the --

- 1 Q. Okay. And there was a separate page on
- 2 the website that tells you the details of what
- 3 prompted the credit alert?
- 4 A. Right.
- 5 Q. Like, for example, an inquiry or new
- 6 account?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. Okay. Did you ever print out those
- 9 pages?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Okay. Because I'll tell you that we
- haven't received any of those types of pages
- from your lawyer that explain what the alert --
- 14 what actually was the alert. And you're telling
- me that's because you never printed them out,
- 16 right?
- 17 A. I never printed them out, no.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. Because you can't print the alerts out.
- Q. Well, can you print the history of the
- 21 alerts, which we saw in the earlier document?
- 22 A. Well, I think you can print the history
- of the alerts today, but in 2003 and 2004, you
- 24 couldn't print an alert. It would pop up in its
- own window.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. And then all of the right click menus
- 3 were disabled, so you didn't have the option to
- 4 like print or copy or paste or do anything with
- 5 it.
- 6 Q. I understand, okay. I understand. But
- 7 you think that this is one of those examples
- 8 where you clicked on and then what, it was
- 9 blank?
- 10 A. Yeah, the alert had nothing in it.
- 11 Q. Literally just --
- 12 A. Blank. It was a white box.
- 13 Q. Okay. Did you ever call TrueLink and
- 14 say there's something wrong here because I'm
- 15 getting these alerts and they're blank?
- A. At this point in time, August 16, 2004,
- 17 we had already filed the lawsuits. So, I took
- 18 the information from the alert, I had went and
- 19 purchased the credit report to figure out if
- there actually was a true change being reported,
- 21 so that if needed I could let my lawyers know
- that and I forwarded that information to my
- 23 attorneys.
- Q. Okay, I understand that you had sued
- 25 TransUnion, but not TrueLink as of this point.

- 1 But are you suggesting that because you had
- 2 already sued TransUnion that you couldn't
- 3 contact TrueLink and say there's a problem with
- 4 my service?
- 5 A. My understanding was that my lawyers
- 6 were handling that, those matters for us at that
- 7 time. So I took the information that I received
- 8 and I turned it over to our lawyers.
- 9 Q. To your knowledge, have you, your
- 10 husband, or your lawyers ever notified TrueLink
- of what you saw as being a problem with the
- 12 alerts being blank?
- 13 A. I don't know if my lawyers ever
- 14 communicated that or not. My husband and
- myself, no, did not call TrueLink directly.
- 16 Q. Okay. To your knowledge, is the fact
- 17 that you believe these alerts were blank, is
- that part of the claims in this lawsuit?
- 19 A. Well, it's part of the information that
- 20 shows that the product is malfunctioning.
- Q. Well, I understand. But I think your
- 22 primary complaint, if not your only one, is that
- 23 it doesn't give you information outside of your
- 24 credit report?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.

- 1 Misstates the record.
- 2 A. No, that's not true.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay. Okay. Well --
- 4 I'm sorry, I didn't want to characterize your
- 5 claim. I'm just trying to understand. I don't
- 6 think I saw in the complaint, and we never
- 7 learned about this until very recently, but I'm
- 8 trying to understand, are one of the claims you
- 9 have in this case based upon these blank alerts
- 10 you were getting?
- 11 A. Yes. Because it's a malfunction of the
- 12 product.
- Q. Okay. But you never told TrueLink that
- the product was malfunctioning, right?
- 15 A. I believe we talked to TransUnion about
- 16 this. This is August of 2004, I know somebody
- 17 was here -- I know somebody from TransUnion was
- here in September of '04, because we met with
- them in personal in Barry Grissom's office.
- 20 Experian was here also during that time frame,
- the September-October time frame of '04.
- Q. And this is when they were explaining
- 23 to you that you sued the wrong company?
- A. Right.
- 25 Q. And you sued the --

- 1 A. Exactly.
- Q. Okay. But you never told TrueLink.
- 3 You told -- you think you told TransUnion's
- 4 lawyers in a settlement conference or something?
- 5 MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 6 Misstates the testimony.
- 7 A. It was not a settlement conference.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay.
- 9 A. They came out after the lawsuits were
- 10 filed. What they came here for, I don't know.
- I mean, they came here to talk to us about the
- 12 case, but I don't know that they came here for
- the purposes of discussing settlement.
- 14 Q. In any event, going back to my original
- 15 question. To your knowledge, neither you nor
- 16 your lawyers have advised TrueLink of this
- 17 problem in the product?
- 18 A. I'm sitting here going if TransUnion is
- 19 notified and they're your parent company, then
- 20 you've been notified.
- 21 Q. Okay. I understand that's your
- 22 position. But when I ask you have you contacted
- 23 TrueLink, would you please understand that I
- 24 mean TrueLink and I don't mean their parent
- 25 company? Can we just have an understanding

- going forward that that's what I mean?
- 2 A. Okay, as long as 100 percent of the
- 3 time that you use the word "TrueLink," it will
- 4 mean only TrueLink and not refer to any
- 5 information from the parent company, then I can
- 6 accept that.
- 7 Q. Yeah, when I say "TrueLink," that means
- 8 TrueLink. When I say "TransUnion," that means
- 9 TransUnion. Fair enough?
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. Good. When you -- okay, so then
- there's an e-mail that you sent to Mr. Grissom.
- 13 And it says, "Now showing below highlighted in
- 14 red are two accounts now showing that are not
- ours, one of whom is an insurance in Los
- 16 Angeles, California." Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yep.
- Q. What are the two accounts you're
- 19 referring to?
- 20 A. The -- these are listed in the inquiry
- 21 section on the last page where it has creditor
- 22 information on 1004.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- A. Do you see Citi Card CBS DNA from Sioux
- 25 Falls, South Dakota, that's No. 1. And the

- 1 second one is Farmers Insurance Group from Los
- 2 Angeles, California.
- 3 Q. So, it's not accounts, it's inquiries
- 4 that you were --
- 5 A. No, this says "creditor information."
- 6 "The creditor information section provides the
- 7 names, addresses and phone numbers of all
- 8 creditors that appears on your credit report."
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. There is a creditor appearing here for
- 11 which there is no trade line.
- 12 Q. Well, it's because it's the inquiry.
- 13 A. No --
- Q. You didn't understand that?
- 15 A. This doesn't say about inquiries, this
- 16 says "provides the information of -- phone
- 17 numbers of all creditors." A creditor is a
- 18 person I owe money to. A creditor is not
- 19 somebody who's made an inquiry.
- Q. Okay. Let's go to the inquiry
- 21 information on the prior page.
- 22 A. Right.
- Q. Do you see what it says?
- 24 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Says "creditor name," right?

- 1 A. It says, "A list of companies that have
- 2 requested your credit report," it does not use
- 3 the word "creditor." Well, this says "creditor
- 4 name" here. I'm saying but when they're
- 5 describing the inquiry information, it does not
- 6 say or use the word "creditor."
- 7 Q. So, you don't understand "creditor"
- 8 here to mean the same as creditor on the next
- 9 page?
- 10 A. Well, and the reason for that is
- 11 because American Honda Finance, Ford Motor
- 12 Credit, Jared Jeweler and Washington Mutual are
- 13 legitimate creditors on this credit report for
- 14 which trade lines appear.
- 15 O. I understand, you just didn't
- 16 understand. I understand. And then you also
- 17 tell your lawyers that, quote, "It seems their
- 18 defense will entail trying to show we never
- 19 requested fraud alerts for our files." Do you
- 20 see that?
- 21 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Do you still believe that that's
- 23 TrueLink's defense in this case?
- 24 A. What?
- Q. That we'll claim that you never

- 1 requested fraud alerts?
- 2 A. Well, the problem is, is with this
- 3 particular report was that the fraud alert was
- 4 redated. And I didn't want anybody to come back
- 5 and say I did not have a fraud alert in '03 when
- 6 I did.
- 7 Q. To your knowledge, are we claiming that
- 8 you never put a fraud alert in the file?
- 9 A. Not at this time, no. But it has been
- 10 brought up.
- 11 Q. By who?
- 12 A. Well, it was brought up I think in the
- 13 Experian deposition.
- MR. O'NEIL: Okay, let's go off
- 15 the record.
- 16 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going
- off the record at 4:00 p.m.
- 18 (Recess.)
- 19 VIDEOGRAPHER: One moment please.
- 20 It is now 4:01 p.m. and we are back on the
- 21 record. You may continue.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Thank you.
- 23 Mrs. Millett, I'm showing you what's been marked
- 24 Exhibit 20, which are some more pages that were
- 25 produced by your lawyers in this case.

- 1 (M. Millett Exhibit 20 was marked
- 2 for identification by the reporter.)
- 3 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Can you tell me if
- 4 you've ever seen this document before?
- 5 A. I probably have. This looks like it's
- 6 a TransUnion Consumer Disclosure.
- 7 Q. So, this is not information from
- 8 TrueLink, it's information from TransUnion,
- 9 right?
- 10 A. Yes. This is a TransUnion consumer
- 11 disclosure.
- 12 Q. And although the letter is addressed to
- 13 Mr. Millett, you were the one who contacted
- 14 TransUnion asking for the information, right?
- 15 A. Well, it's a dispute I think.
- 16 Q. Okay. You're right, because the letter
- 17 says "Re: Dispute status."
- 18 A. Uh-huh.
- 19 O. It says, "Based on the information
- 20 provided TransUnion, our records show that the
- 21 information you disputed does not currently
- 22 appear in your TransUnion credit report," closed
- 23 quote. Do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recall what in September 2004

- 1 you were disputing with TransUnion on behalf of
- 2 your husband?
- 3 A. It was information I think regarding
- 4 the two creditors that weren't supposed to be
- 5 appearing there, but I can't recall exactly.
- 6 Q. Okay, this makes sense. So, Exhibit 19
- 7 you tell your lawyers that you interpreted this
- 8 TrueLink credit report as indicating that there
- 9 was Farmers and Citi Cards accounts on your
- 10 husband's credit report?
- 11 A. Right.
- 12 Q. And so you contacted TransUnion and
- 13 said there is Farmers and Citibank accounts on
- 14 my husband's credit report, right?
- 15 A. Well, listed as creditors, yeah.
- 16 Q. Okay. And then TransUnion writes back
- and says, no, we don't have that information on
- 18 the credit report, right?
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. And it wasn't, was it? I mean, there
- 21 was no Citibank or Farmers accounts on the
- 22 credit report, right?
- 23 A. It is listed in the section where it
- 24 says, "the following companies have received
- 25 your credit report," and the important thing is

- 1 neither one of those people have a permissible
- 2 purpose for receiving my husband's credit
- 3 report.
- Q. Okay, well, before we get to that. You
- 5 do understand the difference between a credit
- 6 account on your file and an inquiry, right?
- 7 A. I understand the difference between a
- 8 trade line and an inquiry, yes.
- 9 Q. Okay, good. Is that your handwriting
- 10 that's on exhibit -- what Exhibit No. -- 20?
- 11 MR. CLOON: Yes.
- MR. O'NEIL: Thank you. Yes.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay.
- 14 A. I mean, as far as I -- let me go back
- 15 through here and make sure all of them are mine.
- 16 Q. On the second page, there's some
- 17 handwriting, do you see that?
- 18 A. Yeah, I saw that. I'm just going
- 19 through looking at all the written notes just to
- 20 make sure they're all mine and nobody's added
- 21 anything that's been copied in.
- Q. Good idea.
- 23 A. Okay. I'm satisfied all the written
- 24 notes on the report are mine.
- Q. Okay. When you reviewed this report,

- did you see anything in it that should have been
- but was not the subject of a credit alert from
- 3 TrueLink?
- 4 A. I had some items that were
- 5 questionable. They're notated in brackets.
- 6 Q. But I think your questions are about
- 7 something different, and we'll get to that.
- 8 Right now what I'm asking about is the TrueLink
- 9 product.
- 10 A. Uh-huh. There were no trade lines
- 11 appearing on here that would have generated an
- 12 alert let's just say.
- Q. Okay. Well, let me be more broad.
- 14 Because you understood that the TrueLink credit
- monitoring service was going to monitor
- 16 Mr. Millett's credit file, right?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. Okay. Now that you got a copy of
- 19 TransUnion's credit file, did you see anything
- 20 -- and I'm asking you to think back to 2004, not
- 21 today.
- 22 A. I understand that.
- Q. In September of 2004, did you think to
- yourself, wait a minute, there's something on
- 25 this report that I didn't get a weekly alert

- 1 from True Credit for?
- 2 A. I didn't see anything in here that was
- 3 not in the True Credit report, no.
- 4 Q. Okay. The first handwriting is on the
- 5 second page. Can you tell me what that
- 6 handwriting says?
- 7 A. "Why VIN on credit report?"
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. Why is my vehicle identification number
- on my credit report.
- 11 Q. And did that concern you?
- 12 A. Yeah, it concerns me because people
- 13 steal VINs all the time and attach them to
- 14 vehicles and commit crimes. I mean, as you get
- into identity theft investigations as a whole,
- 16 you find out there's a whole scary realm of
- 17 unique identifiers out there that can be copied
- 18 and be linked back to you.
- 19 Q. Yeah, I mean -- frankly, I mean, if an
- 20 identity theft got ahold of your husband's
- 21 credit report, the VIN would be the least of
- 22 your problems.
- 23 A. Right. Uh-huh. But the problem with
- 24 it is is -- the problem with it is the credit
- 25 reports are looked at by so many different

- 1 individuals, that it would be possible for
- 2 somebody in a convenient place to take
- 3 information with the intent to do harm to other
- 4 people.
- 5 Q. And in the second page, what's the
- 6 handwriting there on the left -- I'm sorry. The
- 7 third page, what's the handwriting on the left?
- 8 A. "No permissible purpose" and I can't
- 9 even read that, so I don't know what the one
- 10 below it around Farmers Insurance says. I don't
- 11 know what that says. I can't read my own
- 12 writing, I'm sorry.
- 13 Q. Sometimes that happens to me too.
- 14 A. I think the second word looks like
- 15 "good." That one looks like "good," but I can't
- see what it says above it, so I don't know what
- I meant or what was good or not good.
- 18 Q. And then down below there's some
- 19 handwriting, can you read that?
- 20 A. I think that says "Who are these".
- Q. Uh-huh. Did you understand that these
- are soft inquiries down at the bottom?
- 23 A. Yes, I understand that they're soft
- inquiries. But we had a promotional block
- 25 placed on your file, so there probably shouldn't

- 1 have been any soft inquiries.
- Q. When did you have a promotional block
- 3 put in place?
- 4 A. The same time that the credit fraud
- 5 alert was placed.
- MS. YEAGER: I'm sorry, Melody,
- 7 you need to take your hand down.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Did you ever contact
- 10 TransUnion and ask them to put a promotional
- 11 block on your husband's file?
- 12 A. At the time that they did the fraud
- 13 alert, yeah.
- Q. Okay, well, in September of 2004 when
- they gave you a copy of Mr. Millett's credit
- 16 report -- and it was for free, right?
- 17 A. What? This one?
- 18 Q. Yeah.
- 19 A. Yeah, because this one was in response
- 20 to the dispute that was initiated from this
- 21 other report I believe.
- Q. Yeah. I mean, any time you want a free
- 23 credit report from TransUnion, you can just
- 24 dispute something and you'll get one, right?
- 25 A. Well, yeah, I think so. I think that's

- 1 pretty much how it works.
- Q. All right. And then the letter says,
- 3 "If you have any additional questions or
- 4 concerns, please contract TransUnion at the
- 5 address shown below." So, in September of 2004
- 6 when you got this credit report, did you call
- 7 TransUnion and say please make sure that there
- 8 is a promotional block on my husband's credit
- 9 file?
- 10 A. I believe one of my attorneys either
- 11 discussed that with the TransUnion attorneys or
- 12 somebody at that time.
- 13 Q. Well, I don't understand. Because
- 14 you're contacting TransUnion directly to dispute
- information and to get copies of your husband's
- 16 file, right?
- 17 A. But I didn't talk to anybody. I
- 18 disputed it on the web. You know, you can click
- on the link and go out and do the web dispute,
- 20 and you just dispute the item and say it's
- 21 disputed, and then they go out and do their --
- 22 you don't talk to a person, it's like self
- 23 service.
- Q. Okay. Well, what prevented you from
- asking TransUnion to put a block on promotional

- 1 inquiries that way?
- 2 A. Well, I wanted my lawyers to talk to
- 3 them, because some of these promotional
- 4 inquiries appear to be from accounts that were
- 5 related to the identity theft, and I didn't want
- for, you know, information from the
- 7 investigation to get lost. Because you have two
- 8 Citi -- there's two City card soft inquiries and
- 9 an inquiry on here from American General
- 10 Financial, whom we've never done business with,
- 11 who was an Abundio Perez creditor as well.
- 12 Q. Okay. Aside from in I think you said
- January 2003, did you ever contact TransUnion to
- 14 ask that promotional block be put on
- 15 Mr. Millett's file?
- 16 A. I'm sorry, can I get the question
- 17 reread please?
- 18 Q. Yeah, I'll just do it. I think you
- 19 said that you initially requested that
- 20 Mr. Millett's file be blocked from promotional
- 21 inquiries in January 2003, right?
- 22 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. At any other time after January
- 24 2003, did you contact TransUnion and renew that
- 25 request?

- 1 A. No, but one of our attorneys has I
- 2 think.
- 3 Q. And on Page 3 of the credit report, you
- 4 have a notation "no permissible purpose" next to
- 5 the "Farmers Insurance inquiry"?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. But you already testified earlier that
- 8 you had done business with Farmers, do you
- 9 recall that?
- 10 A. Correct. But they were no longer our
- insurance carrier at that time.
- 12 Q. Well, the inquiry wasn't in September
- 13 of 2004, it was in --
- 14 A. November of 2003, and they were already
- 15 fired.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. They got fired after the hail storms we
- 18 had here in June of 2003 which destroyed my
- 19 Acura and required \$9,000 worth of damage, and I
- 20 had to argue with them for four months to get
- them to pay for my car, so, yeah, they were
- 22 fired.
- Q. Did you use an insurance agent to
- 24 obtain that insurance?
- 25 A. Which one? The All State or the

- 1 Farmers?
- Q. Farmers?
- 3 A. I went to a Farmers' agent.
- Q. Uh-huh. Did you ever advise TransUnion
- 5 that you thought Farmers Insurance had no
- 6 permissible purpose to pull that report?
- 7 A. I believe we discussed this with their
- 8 attorneys in, I don't know which report this is,
- 9 but when they were here in '04. Because this
- 10 inquiry here was already on the report for quite
- 11 some time prior to that point in time.
- 12 Q. And in the fall of 2004 is when you or
- your lawyers dismissed TransUnion from the case
- 14 and added TrueLink, right?
- 15 A. I would say that the time period seems
- 16 about right.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. I don't know if it was exactly the fall
- or if it was more closer to winter.
- Q. Yeah, I could be wrong on that timing.
- I think I'm wrong on that, but okay. I may have
- 22 asked you this before, did you ever sign a
- 23 settlement agreement with TransUnion?
- 24 A. I don't recall. I don't think so.
- Q. Do you know, is there any written

- 1 documentation of any agreement that you had with
- 2 TransUnion in connection with dismissing them
- 3 from the lawsuit?
- 4 A. I think it was just relabeled to
- 5 TrueLink, because they said that was the party
- 6 we were supposed to be suing. So, I'm kind of
- 7 at, you know...
- 8 Q. But you've made reference to
- 9 conversations with Amanda and where they
- 10 promised you quarterly reports or something like
- 11 that. Do you remember that testimony today?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Is that understanding in writing
- 14 anywhere as far as you know?
- 15 A. I don't know. I don't think so. I
- don't -- it's not like, oh, I signed a legal
- 17 agreement that's notarized that's shoved
- somewhere, I don't think that that occurred, no.
- 19 Q. Have you ever seen correspondence
- 20 between your lawyers and Amanda and her law
- 21 firm?
- 22 A. I've seen correspondence from Amanda,
- but I don't know if I've seen any that relates
- 24 to this particular situation. I mean, if I was
- 25 supposed to receive it, I've received it. But

- 1 I've had 3,000 e-mails since then.
- Q. How many e-mails do you get a day?
- 3 A. Home or work?
- 4 O. Home.
- 5 A. About five or 600.
- 6 Q. Really?
- 7 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Are most of them from people you don't
- 9 know?
- 10 A. No. I mean, my dad's a very prolific
- e-mail sender, my mom's a prolific e-mail
- 12 sender, I have relatives that are -- I have
- friends in the internet community and the
- identity theft community that e-mail me on a
- 15 regular basis. And then of course you have your
- 16 regular obligatory 250 spam messages a day,
- 17 because I have an e-mail address that has the
- luxury of being approximately, what, six, seven
- 19 years old now. So, that's how that goes.
- Q. Do you look at them all?
- 21 A. Well, I skim them, I delete the spam.
- I keep the important ones. Ones that come from
- 23 addresses that are white listed go into special
- folders so I know I read those first, and the
- 25 rest of them I kind of skim through at my

- 1 leisure.
- Q. In the last four or five months, have
- 3 you made any effort to go through all of your
- 4 stored e-mails and to print out those that
- 5 relate to TrueLink?
- 6 A. In the last four or five months, I made
- 7 an effort to go through all of my electronic
- 8 mail and forward them to my attorneys, but they
- 9 were zipped and they were sent electronically.
- 10 They weren't printed by me.
- 11 Q. Okay. So, you did make an effort to
- identify e-mails that were responsive to the
- document requests here?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. And to forward those on?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. But you don't know if your lawyers have
- 18 produced it to TrueLink's counsel, right?
- 19 A. I don't know if they've all been
- 20 produced or not. And, of course, you know, the
- 21 e-mails are ongoing. So, if you produced it in
- 22 March and 15 e-mails have come in from TrueLink
- 23 since then, it's possible you could be missing
- 24 some.
- Q. Well, the last e-mail was August of

- 1 2005, we're probably missing a lot, right?
- 2 A. I'm not so sure how many you'd be
- 3 missing at that point.
- 4 O. Uh-huh.
- 5 A. I think they were more prolific in
- 6 e-mail prior to that.
- 7 Q. Do you recall making any effort to
- 8 print out the credit monitoring member agreement
- 9 that you had to click on on August 6, 2003, in
- 10 order to purchase the products on behalf of your
- 11 husband?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection. Asked
- 13 and answered.
- 14 A. Are you talking about the contract?
- O. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Yes.
- 16 A. Do I remember what?
- 17 Q. Trying to print that out.
- 18 A. I remember it was extremely difficult
- 19 to print out.
- Q. Uh-huh. So you did try?
- 21 A. I did try.
- Q. Well, did you succeed?
- 23 A. I don't think I was successful, no.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. But I could have that confused with

- 1 some other case, because some of them you can
- 2 print and some of them you can't. Those web
- 3 forms get funky and some of them won't let you
- 4 print them and...
- 5 Q. Did you make any effort to print out
- the contract with TrueLink after August 6, 2003?
- 7 MS. YEAGER: I'm going to object
- 8 to the extent it calls for attorney-client
- 9 privilege. You may answer.
- 10 A. I'm not sure when the next attempt was
- 11 made or --
- 12 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Or if one -- right now
- 13 I'm just asking if you ever made an attempt.
- 14 A. I've made attempts, but I can't
- 15 necessarily tie it specifically to this product.
- 16 So I mean...
- 17 Q. So, it may have been other products?
- 18 A. It may have been another product.
- 19 Q. Before you authorized your lawyers to
- 20 file that complaint against seven defendants in
- July of 2004, did you make any attempt to read
- the contract that you were suing on?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Did you notice then that the
- 25 contract was with TrueLink and not TransUnion?

- 1 A. I'm sorry, what?
- Q. Did you notice when you read that
- 3 contract at that time that in fact the contract
- 4 was with TrueLink not TransUnion?
- 5 A. I understood TrueLink to be part of the
- 6 contract, but, I mean, you -- it says TransUnion
- 7 and there's TransUnion all over the page, so. I
- 8 mean, at that point I thought it was possible
- 9 TrueLink could be TransUnion, I mean, you know.
- 10 (M. Millett Exhibit 21 was marked
- for identification by the reporter.)
- 12 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) I'm going to hand you
- what's been marked Exhibit 21, which are some
- 14 more documents that were produced by your
- lawyers in this case. Do you recognize this
- 16 document?
- 17 A. Yes, this is an e-mail I sent to Joyce
- 18 of the new TrueLink service agreement in October
- 19 of 2004.
- Q. So you were able to print it at least
- 21 in October of 2004, right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. What prompted you to send this to your
- lawyer at that time?
- 25 A. Because I think that they -- I think

- 1 when you logged in to the site, there was some
- 2 notification or something that the service
- 3 agreement was updated or whatever, so I went out
- 4 there and printed it and sent it.
- 5 Q. Did you read it at that time?
- 6 A. Yes, I read this at that time.
- 7 Q. Did you read the whole thing or did you
- 8 just skim it?
- 9 A. No. At this time, I probably read the
- 10 whole thing from top to bottom.
- 11 Q. Let me direct your attention to Page 5.
- 12 A. Okay.
- Q. Under the heading "Applicable Law."
- A. Uh-huh.
- 15 Q. Do you recall learning when you read
- 16 this at that time that Delaware law governed any
- 17 claims brought under the contract?
- 18 A. I just -- I just interpreted that this
- meant that the case had to be prosecuted in
- 20 Delaware, you know.
- 21 Q. But in fact you had filed the lawsuit
- in Kansas, right?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. Actually, you filed two lawsuits
- against TransUnion in Kansas in 2004, do you

- 1 recall that?
- 2 A. Well, it's one lawsuit.
- 3 Q. Well, technically, you filed one
- 4 lawsuit against seven defendants and TransUnion
- 5 was one of them, right?
- 6 A. Right.
- 7 Q. And then you voluntarily dismissed
- 8 without prejudice TransUnion, and then you filed
- 9 a new lawsuit in Kansas. Do you recall that?
- 10 A. Yeah, I recall that.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. I just don't characterize it the way
- that you do, because I think that was a
- 14 procedural thing.
- 15 Q. Did you ever discuss this contract with
- 16 your husband?
- 17 A. Which one? This new contract?
- 18 Q. You know what that's a good question.
- 19 Did you ever discuss any contract between your
- 20 husband and TrueLink with your husband?
- 21 A. Well, I mean, he knows we entered into
- one, I mean.
- Q. But you obviously never gave him -- you
- 24 know, you never discussed the details of the
- contract, right?

- 1 A. No. I mean, when I act as his agent if
- 2 he had -- if I read a contract or whatever and I
- 3 say, you know, we say it's okay or whatever,
- 4 then it's okay, and that's okay.
- 5 Q. So, basically, because you had agreed
- 6 to the terms of the contract, that was good
- 7 enough for your husband, right?
- 8 A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. Okay. And you had agreed to the terms
- of the contract, right, when you first signed up
- 11 for the service in August of 2003?
- 12 A. Yeah, that's part -- you enter into a
- 13 contract, that's what the issue is I think.
- Q. Has -- have you suffered any damages as
- a result of the breach of contract that you
- 16 allege TrueLink committed?
- 17 A. My husband and I have lost the money
- 18 that we paid for the product.
- 19 O. Well, you understand technically your
- 20 husband paid for the product, right?
- 21 A. No, technically, I paid for the
- 22 product, it's my debit card.
- Q. Okay. Any other damages that you or
- 24 your -- well, let's stick to your husband. Has
- 25 your husband suffered any other damages as a

- 1 result of the alleged breach of contract by
- 2 TrueLink?
- 3 A. Well, he -- he's statutory damages, he
- 4 has -- I think there's injunctive relief that's
- 5 being requested, his attorney cost and fees.
- 6 Q. Well, you know, maybe I shouldn't use
- 7 the word "damages," because that can sometimes
- 8 have a legal meaning. Let's talk about harm,
- 9 kind of a non-legal term.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. Has your husband suffered any harm as a
- 12 result of TrueLink allegedly not delivering what
- 13 it promised?
- 14 A. Yeah.
- 15 Q. And what harm has he suffered?
- 16 A. He's suffered the harm of not being
- 17 notified that there was a public judgement
- issued against his Social Security number
- 19 without his knowledge. Additional harm includes
- 20 accounts that have been relabeled that he was
- 21 never notified about that have his name and
- 22 address associated with him.
- Q. If I can just stop you. And maybe we
- should go back to what you said before lunch,
- but. Because you listed a number of things

- 1 that --
- 2 A. Right.
- 3 Q. -- you think TrueLink did or didn't do
- 4 that is the subject of your claim.
- 5 A. Right.
- 6 Q. So, let's go to that and -- first one
- 7 you said is just what you said before that there
- 8 was -- you said that TrueLink failed to disclose
- 9 that there was a judgement entered in a public
- 10 record using Mr. Millett's Social Security
- 11 number?
- 12 A. Yep.
- 13 Q. How was he harmed by that though?
- 14 A. Well, he's harmed by that because the
- 15 collectors then started calling the house trying
- 16 to collect the judgement.
- 17 Q. They did?
- 18 A. Yes. Ford Motor Credit called on at
- 19 least two occasions.
- Q. Okay. Well, that -- the phone calls
- 21 weren't a result of TrueLink not notifying you,
- 22 the phone calls were the result of Mr. Perez
- using your husband's Social Security number,
- 24 right?
- A. Right. But public records are used as

- 1 background checks for employment and other
- instances. And, I mean, if I can go out there
- 3 to log in to LexisNexis and find that public
- 4 record for \$2.95 with my husband's Social
- 5 Security number attached to it, I don't think
- 6 there's any reason why the TrueLink product
- 7 shouldn't have been able to notify me about
- 8 that.
- 9 Q. Ma'am, I understand you think they
- 10 should have notified you. What I'm asking is,
- 11 so what? They didn't notify you, what harm was
- 12 attributable not to the identity theft, not to
- 13 the filing of the public record judgement. What
- 14 I'm asking is, what harm did your husband suffer
- because TrueLink didn't tell you about it?
- 16 A. It took longer to find out about it.
- 17 Q. Well, when was the public record
- 18 judgement filed?
- 19 A. I'm thinking it was some time in the
- 20 April or May time frame or maybe it was sooner
- 21 than that, it was March or whatever, that whole
- 22 process got started. I'd have to look at the
- 23 documents. But I know that it was in the first
- 24 part of 2004.
- Q. Have you ever seen a copy of the

- 1 judgement that was entered in the public record?
- 2 A. Yes, I have.
- 3 Q. And has it been produced to your
- 4 lawyers?
- 5 A. Yes, my lawyers got a copy of it in the
- 6 Ford Motor case.
- 7 Q. Okay. Well, we haven't seen it, so.
- 8 It would be helpful to get that since it's now
- 9 part of your claim.
- 10 You told us this morning that your
- 11 credit monitoring service lapsed for three
- months while you were still being charged?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. When was that?
- 15 A. That's in the TU documents that you all
- 16 produced where it shows that the credit watch
- 17 was ended and there was still product being --
- 18 still billing period being recorded on.
- 19 Q. Is that the document I showed you
- 20 before?
- 21 A. Well, that's part of it. But you need
- 22 the other piece too, which that has the actual
- 23 little computer transactions going back and
- forth between you and TransUnion that show when
- 25 the credit watch is placed on their file and

- 1 removed from the file.
- 2 Q. Okay. But --
- 3 A. I don't know what document numbers
- 4 those are off the top of my head.
- 5 Q. And you think that you were charged
- 6 during that time period?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. But if you look at -- well,
- 9 okay. And we're awaiting your bank records to
- show whether or not you've been charged, right?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Okay. Look forward to seeing those.
- 13 You also said that one of the problems you had
- 14 with TrueLink was the product is being marketed
- for bulk purchase to give to data breach
- 16 victims. Do you recall that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Well, your husband hasn't been harmed
- 19 by that fact, has he?
- 20 A. Well, no, but those people would be
- 21 part of this class as well, because those data
- 22 breach victims, like the Veterans Administration
- and whatnot that are being offered these
- 24 products and services as identity theft
- 25 remediation for them due to data breaches of

- 1 computer systems are receiving the same product
- we are. And if their identity can be stolen and
- 3 their Social Security number can be used, then
- 4 they're not going to be notified, then how
- 5 valuable is the product really to them in terms
- of being an identity theft product.
- 7 Q. Well, do you think that people who
- 8 didn't pay for the product but had the Veteran
- 9 Administration pay for it, do you think that
- 10 they're members of your class you want to
- 11 represent?
- 12 A. Well, I think the Veterans
- 13 Administration should get it's money back, don't
- 14 you?
- 15 Q. So you think the Veterans
- 16 Administration is a member of your class then?
- 17 A. Well, if they in fact purchased this
- 18 product and they were a part of this class,
- then, yeah, they would be part of this class.
- Q. Well, what if they didn't share your
- 21 understanding of what the product could do?
- 22 A. Well, it's obviously that they should
- 23 -- they have an assumption about what the
- 24 product could do or they wouldn't be purchasing
- 25 that product to give to identity theft victims.

- 1 Q. Well, no. I mean, with all due
- 2 respect, Mrs. Millett, you're the only person I
- 3 ever met who thought that the credit monitoring
- 4 product could actually alert you to things
- 5 occurring outside of your credit file. Do you
- 6 have any reason to believe that the Veteran
- 7 Administration believed that when they bought
- 8 the product?
- 9 A. No, I don't have reason to believe
- 10 that, I just know they bought the product.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. Because it was in one of the news
- 13 articles I read.
- 14 Q. Because you've acknowledged that the
- product does identify true name fraud, right?
- 16 A. Well, at least I thought it did at some
- point, but I don't believe that anymore.
- 18 Q. Okay. And when you told "The New York
- 19 Times" that you thought it was still a valuable
- 20 product, then, what, you were lying then or
- 21 you've changed your mind since then?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 23 Misstates her testimony. Misstates facts not in
- 24 evidence. Foundation.
- 25 A. "The New York Times" article does not

- 1 characterize it in that way.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) So, whenever the --
- 3 you've read "The New York Times" article, right?
- 4 A. Yes, I participated in it.
- 5 Q. Okay. And --
- MS. YEAGER: Do we have a
- 7 question?
- 8 VIDEOGRAPHER: Go ahead.
- 9 MS. YEAGER: I'm sorry to
- 10 interrupt.
- 11 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Were you misquoted in
- 12 that article?
- 13 A. No, you're misquoting the article.
- Q. Okay. So, is everything in that
- article accurate as far as you're concerned?
- 16 A. Fairly accurate, yeah.
- 17 Q. Fairly accurate?
- 18 A. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. I mean, because the article isn't
- 21 100 percent about me, so I don't know. I can't
- 22 attest to the accuracy of the rest of it.
- 23 O. I understand. Obviously. You're
- 24 quoted as saying, quote, "I still have credit
- 25 monitoring because of the simple fact that it is

- 1 the best tool available at this time."
- 2 A. And what's the rest of sentence?
- 3 Q. "It is not ideal, it is broken and it
- 4 is not as advertised." Is that an accurate
- 5 statement?
- 6 A. That's the statement, yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. So, it's still valuable enough
- 8 for you to continue using it and continue buying
- 9 it; isn't that correct?
- 10 A. Well, I'm not buying it anymore, am I?
- 11 Q. Well, you did for years and years and
- 12 years after you claimed that it didn't work?
- 13 A. And I don't deny that.
- Q. Okay. And the only reason why you're
- 15 not buying it today is because your credit card
- 16 changed and you didn't give the company a new
- 17 credit card?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 19 Misstates --
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Isn't that right?
- MS. YEAGER: -- the testimony.
- 22 A. No. I just -- I elected not to go in
- there and put in a new credit card when it
- arrived. So, to that extent that's why it's no
- 25 longer going on.

- 1 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) What other harm has
- your husband suffered as a result of TrueLink's
- 3 failures as alleged in the complaint?
- 4 A. Well, I think there's a sincere
- 5 dissolutionment with the system. I mean, people
- 6 who give their -- people give their word and
- 7 they say that they're going to provide you a
- 8 product or service, and then you go out and say,
- 9 okay, I want that product or service and I'm
- 10 going to pay for it. And then when you don't
- 11 get what you've paid for, it's very
- disheartening, especially when you're talking
- about a product or service like the one we're
- 14 talking about for someone who's been a victim.
- 15 O. It's disheartening to you, right?
- 16 A. Well, it's disheartening to both of us.
- 17 O. I mean, your husband didn't read the
- 18 representations that you claim lead you to
- 19 believe that the product could do something you
- thought it could do, right?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection. Assumes
- 22 facts not in evidence.
- 23 A. I am almost 100 percent certain that my
- 24 husband believes that his Social Security number
- 25 would be protected as a result of the purchase

- of this product, yes, I do.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) That's because you --
- 3 was that because you told him that?
- 4 A. Well, he was there when we signed up
- for it. I mean, and he read the same ad I did.
- Q. No, he was playing video games.
- 7 A. Well, I know he was playing video games
- 8 but I'm saying he read -- he -- we talked about
- 9 the ad, so I --
- 10 Q. Okay?
- 11 A. So, I know he knows what it said.
- 12 Q. You're not suggesting that he read the
- 13 ad, are you?
- 14 A. No, I read the ad to him.
- 15 Q. Oh, you read it out loud to him?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Oh.
- 18 A. He sits right behind me.
- 19 Q. Oh.
- 20 A. At his computer and I'm sitting at my
- 21 computer.
- Q. He didn't say that, though, did he, in
- 23 his deposition?
- 24 A. What?
- Q. So, it's your testimony that you're at

- one computer with your back to him ordering
- products from TrueLink, he's in the same room
- 3 playing video games?
- 4 A. Behind me.
- 5 Q. And you read word for word the
- 6 marketing materials on the TrueLink website? Is
- 7 that your testimony?
- 8 A. I may have read -- I read a few
- 9 sentences. I didn't read all of the testimony.
- 10 Q. What sentences did you read to him?
- 11 A. I don't recall specifically. I just
- 12 know in general that we read and talked about
- what the product could do for us and that we
- 14 discussed that.
- 15 Q. Is it fair to say that you were more
- interested in buying this product that
- 17 Mr. Millett was?
- 18 A. No. It was fair to say that both him
- and I were looking for solutions to the problems
- 20 that we had -- were now facing.
- Q. But he wasn't so interested that he
- 22 would stop playing his video games to actually
- read about the product that you were buying on
- 24 his behalf, right?
- 25 A. I handle all those types of things, all

- the financial stuff, so he'd probably just go
- whatever.
- 3 Q. So, any representation that he got
- 4 about the product came from, right?
- 5 A. Right. And those came from the ad.
- 6 Q. Did you tell him on August 6, 2003,
- 7 that this credit monitoring product by TrueLink
- 8 would advise of conduct by Mr. Perez that did
- 9 not show up on his TransUnion credit report?
- 10 A. I don't think it was characterized like
- 11 that, no. I think what I said was that this
- 12 product would help us and would provide some
- assistance to us possibly.
- Q. And that's what he relied upon in
- okaying your decision to buy the product, right?
- 16 A. Yep.
- 17 Q. Do you recall that TrueLink sent
- interrogatories to your husband?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. But he didn't answer them, right?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 22 Misstates the evidence.
- 23 A. I'm sorry?
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) He did not answer the
- interrogatories, you did, right?

- 1 A. He didn't physically answer them, no.
- 2 He read them and signed them.
- 3 Q. Why did you take it upon yourself to
- 4 answer the interrogatories for him?
- 5 A. Because throughout all the cases, in
- 6 some cases, is the interrogatories have called
- 7 for facts that mostly resided with me, because I
- 8 conducted the investigation into the identity
- 9 theft in the first place.
- 10 So, I'm the one that's been filling
- 11 them out and I've filled them out usually with
- the help of my lawyer.
- 13 Q. Do any of the facts reside with your
- 14 husband?
- 15 A. I'm sorry?
- 16 Q. Do any of the facts reside with your
- 17 husband?
- 18 A. There are some facts, yes.
- 19 Q. What facts does your husband know that
- 20 you don't know?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection. Calls
- 22 for speculation.
- 23 A. I don't know the answer to that, but
- 24 I'm saying there are facts that we both know.
- 25 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Uh-huh. All the facts

- 1 he knows he got from you though, right?
- 2 A. No. He was present when his police
- 3 reports was filed.
- 4 Q. But you wrote it, right?
- 5 A. I filled it out, yes, I did.
- 6 Q. And then you signed it and then the
- 7 police officers said, well, actually,
- 8 Mr. Millett should sign it, right?
- 9 A. No we both --
- 10 MS. YEAGER: Objection. That
- 11 misstates the evidence.
- 12 A. No. Actually, we both signed it,
- 13 because I had to sign -- the police officer
- 14 wanted me to sign it, because the statements
- that were being made in connection with the
- 16 discovery of the crime were discovered by me
- because I'm the one that talked to Ford Motor.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Mr. Millett verified
- 19 the interrogatory responses that you provided,
- 20 right?
- MS. YEAGER: Objection.
- 22 Misstates the evidence.
- MR. O'NEIL: Am I wrong, Joyce?
- No, no, let's be clear. Am I wrong? Did
- 25 Mr. Millett not verify these interrogatory

- 1 answers?
- MS. YEAGER: She did not provide
- 3 them. She helped prepare them.
- 4 MR. O'NEIL: Oh, no, that
- 5 misstates the evidence of both your clients.
- 6 A. I prepared them with my lawyer. Now
- 7 did I physically sit down at the typewriter and
- 8 type each and every answer, no, I did not.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Oh, you don't?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Who did?
- 12 A. My attorneys typed those for me.
- 13 Q. Oh.
- 14 A. But I provided the content and the
- 15 context for each answer that's on the
- 16 interrogatory.
- 17 Q. Okay. So, interrogatories go to
- 18 Mr. Millett -- were you a little irritated that
- 19 they only went to Mr. Millett and not you as
- 20 well?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Okay. So the interrogatories go to
- 23 Mr. Millett, you provided the information and
- Ms. Yeager types it. Is that the way it worked?
- 25 A. Yeah, I guess so.

- 1 Q. To your knowledge, were those responses
- 2 that you prepared accurate?
- 3 A. Yes, to my knowledge, yeah.
- 4 VIDEOGRAPHER: Mrs. Millett,
- 5 could I ask you to turn back toward the video
- 6 please? That's fine, thank you.
- 7 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, I got
- 8 pushed away from the table.
- 9 (M. Millett Exhibit 22 was marked
- for identification by the reporter.)
- 11 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Are you aware of any
- individual who is a member of the class that you
- 13 seek to represent?
- 14 A. I'm sorry?
- 15 O. Do you know any particular individual
- who is a member of the class that you seek to
- 17 represent?
- 18 A. I think I've heard of people who have
- 19 purchased the products, yes.
- Q. What does that mean, you've heard of
- 21 people who purchased the product?
- 22 A. Well, I mean, you know, it's like
- 23 somebody I talked to at work or whatever and
- 24 their relative has the product or --
- 25 Q. Have you ever spoken to anybody who is

- in the class that you seek to represent?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Let me hand you what's been marked
- 4 Exhibit 22, which are the interrogatory
- 5 responses that we got in this case.
- 6 A. Uh-huh.
- 7 Q. It looks like the font and type size of
- 8 the answers is different from the font and type
- 9 size of the questions. Would you agree?
- 10 A. Yeah.
- 11 Q. Okay. But it's your testimony that you
- 12 didn't write these words, you just gave the
- information to your lawyers and your lawyers
- 14 wrote them?
- 15 A. This information that's in here is not
- 16 based verbatim from the e-mail response I made
- that answered this particular question.
- 18 Q. Okay. So you sent an e-mail to your
- 19 lawyers --
- 20 A. Answering the questions.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. And then they may have pasted them into
- the appropriate responses.
- Q. Did they change your answers?
- 25 A. I'm sorry?

- 1 Q. Did your lawyers change the text of the
- 2 answers that you provided to them before they
- 3 finalized it and sent it to counsel for
- 4 TrueLink?
- 5 A. I believe they went back and forth
- 6 several times.
- 7 Q. Between you and the lawyers?
- 8 A. Uh-huh.
- 9 Q. Okay. So they made some changes and
- 10 you made some changes, is that how it worked?
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. Okay. Now, there's several places --
- 13 well, let's just -- response to Interrogatory
- No. 6, and I apologize these pages are not
- numbered, but if you look at Interrogatory No.
- 16 6.
- 17 A. Uh-huh.
- 18 Q. The interrogatories there describe in
- 19 detail all instances in which plaintiff has
- 20 purchased credit report, etc. Do you see that,
- 21 ma'am?
- 22 A. Yeah.
- Q. And then the answer -- and then there's
- 24 a lot of objections, but the real answer comes
- in the next page. It says here, "We knew that

- 1 TransUnion might have information which Equifax
- 2 and Experian did not have."
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 O. What does that mean?
- 5 A. Well, because the three bureaus have
- 6 three separate databases.
- 7 Q. Right.
- 8 A. Well...
- 9 Q. So, some credit bureaus have accounts
- 10 and others don't?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. So, it's possible that the Home Depot
- trade line could have been on some other credit
- bureau's files but not on TransUnion, right?
- 15 A. Well, no, it was already on the TU
- 16 letter, so.
- Q. Ma'am, I'm talking about your husband's
- 18 credit file.
- 19 A. That's what I'm talking about too. The
- 20 Home Depot account is on the original TU letter
- 21 from 4/23.
- Q. But that indicates that that Home Depot
- account is on Mr. Perez's credit file, not your
- 24 husband's, right?
- A. Right.

- 1 Q. But you're not suggesting, although
- 2 we're still waiting for evidence, you're now
- 3 suggesting that the Home Depot trade line is on
- 4 TransUnion's file?
- 5 A. It's been relabeled. That has been
- 6 relabeled with Steven Millett's name and
- 7 address, yeah, so then it would be on our file
- 8 or my husband's file.
- 9 Q. Well, it could be on the file of one
- 10 bureau, three bureaus or no bureaus, right?
- 11 A. Well, I know it's on at least one
- 12 bureau.
- Q. And whose bureau is that?
- MS. YEAGER: I need to object.
- 15 That is subject to a confidentiality protective
- order. The document was labeled "highly
- 17 confidential." We have the same sort of
- 18 agreement that we have you.
- 19 MR. O'NEIL: Okay. Well, then I
- 20 guess you can't use it as evidence in this case.
- 21 I'll move on.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) So, it's on one credit
- bureau, but you can't tell me which one?
- 24 A. Well, there is the information on the
- 25 subpoena from Home Depot itself, which shows

- where they've relabeled the accounts with Steve
- 2 Millett's name and address, and that's how
- 3 they're reporting it.
- 4 Q. But the Home Depot subpoena documents
- 5 don't tell you who they reported it to?
- A. Right, but it's a reasonable inference
- 7 since the Home Depot already appears on the
- 8 TransUnion letter on file in 2003 that Home
- 9 Depot reports to TransUnion.
- 10 Q. Well, there's differences between
- inferences and evidence, we'll see how that
- 12 plays out. Interrogatory No. 7 on that same
- page asks if plaintiff claims to have suffered
- 14 any economic loss as a result of the conduct of
- defendant alleged in the fourth amended
- 16 complaint. It asks you to provide or asks
- 17 Mr. Millett to provide certain information,
- 18 right?
- 19 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And it says: "My wife handled these
- 21 matters for our family. We lost a lot of money
- 22 because we could not get credit or could not get
- 23 good rates." Right?
- MS. YEAGER: I'm sorry to
- interrupt. What number are we on?

- 1 MR. O'NEIL: Interrogatory No. 7.
- MS. YEAGER: Thank you. Sorry to
- 3 interrupt.
- 4 MR. O'NEIL: That's okay.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) So, the interrogatory
- 6 response says you lost a lot of money because we
- 7 could not get credit, we had to pay extra money
- 8 for insurance?
- 9 A. Uh-huh. Right.
- 10 Q. But you're not seeking those damages in
- 11 this case, are you?
- 12 A. We're seeking the damages for breach of
- contract that we're supposed to be getting.
- 14 Q. Okay. Well, maybe I should just ask
- 15 you. This interrogatory suggests that you are
- 16 -- that you have suffered these economic losses
- 17 as a result of TrueLink's conduct. Is that
- 18 accurate?
- 19 A. Well, to the extent that I -- my
- 20 thought process still thinks that TransUnion and
- 21 TrueLink are the same company, yes, those are
- 22 economic losses that have been suffered. Now,
- whether or not they're recoverable in this
- 24 particular case because of the claims that have
- 25 been brought is a different matter. But it's

- 1 been answered here.
- Q. Are there -- are you seeking recovery
- 3 of those in this case?
- 4 A. No. I don't believe so.
- Q. Oh, okay.
- 6 A. I believe the Fair Credit Reporting Act
- 7 portion of this case was dismissed, so.
- 8 Q. Why was it dismissed?
- 9 A. I don't know. I think it was just
- 10 dropped.
- 11 Q. You don't know why?
- 12 A. I think that would be a matter between
- myself and my attorneys as to why.
- Q. No. I'm not asking you to disclose
- 15 conversations you've had with your lawyers. I'm
- 16 asking you do you know why you decided to
- 17 dismiss the --
- 18 A. Yes, I do.
- 19 Q. Okay. Why is that?
- 20 A. That's a discussion I had with my
- 21 lawyers.
- Q. Well, I don't want you to tell me about
- your discussion with your lawyers. If you only
- 24 know why you dismissed it because your lawyers
- told you, then don't say.

- 1 A. Well, then I'm not going to say.
- Q. Okay. So, it was the lawyers who told
- 3 you why they dismissed it?
- 4 A. No, that mischaracterizes what I just
- 5 said. Me and the lawyers had a discussion about
- 6 it and we came to the agreement to dismiss the
- 7 count, at which point in time the count was
- 8 dismissed.
- 9 Q. Got it. Thank you. Now, in that same
- 10 response it says, "I remember sometimes my wife
- ordered a credit report because TransUnion told
- 12 us there was a change, and then the report did
- not a change on it." Do you see that?
- 14 A. Yep.
- 15 Q. Did you make sure that your husband
- 16 actually had that memory or did you just do it
- 17 from your own memory?
- 18 A. No. He should have had that memory,
- 19 because when that occurred and I bought a credit
- 20 report and there was no change on it, there was
- 21 some salty language in that house that there was
- 22 no way he could have missed.
- 23 Q. Yeah. Because he kind of said that he
- 24 didn't have personal knowledge of some of the
- 25 things in these responses. But you're

- 1 disagreeing with him then?
- 2 A. He may not have recalled it sitting
- 3 here in this chair, but that doesn't mean he
- 4 wasn't present when it occurred.
- 5 Q. He said he had a bad memory; is that
- 6 true?
- 7 A. He tends to be a very simple person.
- 8 Complex things are very complex.
- 9 Q. This litigation is very complex, isn't
- 10 it?
- 11 A. It would be complex for any person. I
- 12 -- wouldn't matter if Albert Einstein was
- 13 sitting in this chair.
- Q. Now, let me direct your attention to
- 15 Interrogatory No. 12. And you can read the
- interrogatory, but it's not really relevant to
- 17 my question. In the answer you said: "I asked
- my wife to handle this as my agent. I know that
- she has a lot more information about this."
- 20 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Okay. And there's other responses, No.
- 22 15, "My wife and my attorneys have more
- information about this." Number 16 and 17, "My
- 24 wife has more information about this." Number
- 25 18, "My wife has more information about this."

- 1 Same with No. 19 and No. 20 and No. 21, No. 26.
- 2 Here's my question, Mrs. Millett, why don't you
- 3 give us the information in the interrogatory
- 4 responses, instead of suggesting that you're
- 5 simply providing the information that
- 6 Mr. Millett has and making us ask you the
- 7 questions?
- 8 MS. YEAGER: Objection to the
- 9 extent it calls for a legal conclusion. Object
- 10 to the extent it calls for the sharing of
- 11 attorney-client privilege.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Can I answer now?
- MS. YEAGER: Yes, please.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 15 A. Because this one says Interrogatories
- to Plaintiff Steven Millett, and most of the
- interrogatory pages I've read are about what
- 18 you, the plaintiff, that's being given the
- 19 questions knows. So, they're answered from
- 20 Steve's perspective because that's what Steve
- 21 knows. What I know is something completely
- 22 different.
- Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Okay. Well, do you
- 24 understand that under the law when you're asked
- 25 questions and if the information is in the

- 1 possession of your agent, that you're obligated
- 2 to give the information from your agent?
- 3 MS. YEAGER: Objection. Calls
- 4 for a legal conclusion.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Do you understand that?
- 6 That's not simply enough to say, well, I don't
- 7 know. That if someone is your agent, you have
- 8 an obligation to get the information from the
- 9 agent to provide it. Do you understand that?
- 10 MS. YEAGER: Objection. Calls
- 11 for a legal conclusion.
- 12 A. I don't understand what you mean. I'm
- 13 sorry. I thought these were my husband's
- 14 questions, and every case up to now I've gotten
- 15 my own set. So, then I fill it what I know in
- 16 my set and he fills out what he knows in his
- 17 set.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. O'NEIL) Yeah, well, actually,
- 19 I've seen your interrogatories answers in the
- 20 Experian case, they were identical. So, are you
- 21 suggesting to me that when you got separate
- interrogatories, that there was different
- information in the responses, depending on who
- 24 knew what?
- 25 A. Experian had a different definition

- for, I think, for the definition of who "you"
- 2 meant in their particular interrogatories.
- 3 Q. Are you telling me that when you had
- 4 separate interrogatories served to both you and
- 5 your husband, that the responses were different
- 6 based upon the knowledge of you and your
- 7 husband?
- 8 A. No, because that's not how Experian
- 9 defined the term when they asked that the
- interrogatories be answered.
- 11 Q. Oh, I thought that's what you said,
- that you've answered interrogatory --
- 13 A. No, I'm talking about in this case.
- 14 Q. Oh, okay.
- 15 A. Because you didn't give us a definition
- 16 -- I don't know where the definition of "you" is
- in this one.
- 18 Q. Have you ever heard of something called
- 19 the Credit Repair Organizations Act?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And what's your understanding of
- 22 what that is?
- 23 A. Credit Repair Organizations Act, also
- 24 known as CROA, basically it's a federal law that
- 25 details how credit repair organizations are

- 1 classified and how they must deal with consumers
- 2 in the marketplace.
- 3 Q. And you brought a claim against
- 4 TrueLink under CROA, right?
- 5 A. I believe, but I don't think that that
- 6 remains anymore at this time.
- 7 Q. Did you believe you had a factual basis
- 8 to make that claim against TrueLink when you
- 9 made it?
- 10 A. Sure I did.
- 11 Q. Okay. And did at some point in time
- 12 you come to a different conclusion?
- 13 A. No, I still have that conclusion. I
- just -- we've decided to drop that claim.
- 15 O. For strategic purposes?
- 16 A. It's not strategic. I believe it was
- 17 because of the ruling in Georgia with the Fourth
- 18 Circuit.
- 19 Q. You didn't think that because the claim
- 20 failed in that case, you decided to dismiss it
- in the case you brought against TrueLink; is
- 22 that right?
- 23 A. Pretty much, yeah.
- Q. Okay. So, now that the claim in the
- 25 Experian case failed, are you going to be

- dismissing the same claims against TrueLink in
- 2 this case?
- 3 A. No. Because the Experian claims will
- 4 be appealed.
- 5 Q. You're aware of course, Mrs. Millett,
- 6 that you want to represent a class of
- 7 individuals in this case, right?
- 8 A. Oh, yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. And you probably don't know, but
- 10 do you -- can you -- do you know what the class
- is, how the class is defined that you want to
- 12 represent?
- 13 A. I believe the class is defined as all
- 14 purchasers of the product, but I'm not quite
- sure of the date range, it's from a certain --
- there's a certain statutory period that's
- 17 covered, and I'm not quite sure how that all
- 18 works. But I believe it's from 2001 I think.
- 19 Q. That's correct. It's September 9,
- 20 2001. Why do you want to bring a claim on
- 21 behalf of people that you don't know?
- 22 A. Why do I want to -- because I like to
- 23 help people.
- Q. Okay. But you've never met anybody who
- 25 bought the credit monitoring service, right?

- 1 A. I've met people who have bought credit
- 2 monitoring services, just not this specific one.
- 3 Q. Okay. And so you don't know if they
- 4 had the same understanding of what that product
- 5 was as you did, right?
- 6 A. Well, I've talked about credit
- 7 reporting in general with people, and most
- 8 people believe there's only one credit report
- 9 for each Social Security number.
- 10 Q. Ma'am, that's not the subject of the
- 11 claim you brought against TrueLink. I don't
- 12 know if you understand that.
- 13 A. I understand that. But to the extent
- 14 that the credit monitoring is monitoring the
- 15 credit report, most people believe because
- 16 there's only one credit report for that Social
- 17 Security number that if they've bought
- 18 monitoring though that credit report, that
- includes all that information. They don't
- 20 understand that there's 15 credit reports out
- 21 there for the same identifier, and that they're
- 22 only getting monitoring on the one report which
- is directly associated with their name, address
- and Social Security number. Most people are
- thoroughly confused by that fact.

- 1 Q. You say most people, who are you
- 2 talking about?
- 3 A. Well, I mean, just in general. Anybody
- 4 I've ever spoken to about the fact the credit
- 5 bureaus have more than one file for the same
- 6 Social Security number look at me like I'm
- 7 completely nuts until, you know, they see -- I
- 8 whip out --
- 9 Q. And how often do you think this occurs?
- 10 A. What?
- 11 Q. The fact that there's more than one
- file for one Social Security number?
- 13 A. Well, given the fact that in this
- 14 particular case the perpetrator is an
- undocumented alien that bought the Social
- 16 Security card on the street, I would say it's
- 17 probably more common than most people realize.
- 18 Q. You don't like illegal aliens, do you?
- 19 A. Huh?
- Q. You don't like illegal aliens, do you?
- 21 A. Actually, no, I don't have any dislike
- or like for them one way or the other. They
- 23 have just as much right to come to this country
- if they want to, but I don't care for them to be
- using my information, no, or my husband's

- 1 information.
- Q. Do you have any thoughts or any
- 3 information as to what percentage of identity
- 4 theft is made up of illegal aliens using
- 5 somebody else's Social Security number?
- 6 A. I know I've seen the number somewhere
- 7 before, but I don't have that percentage right
- 8 off the top of my head.
- 9 Q. Do you have any thoughts or
- 10 understanding as to what percentage of,
- 11 quote-unquote, "identity theft" is another
- 12 person using someone else's Social Security
- 13 number, but no other identifying information of
- 14 that person?
- 15 A. Well, most of the information that
- 16 comes from that that's available on that topic
- is anecdotal and derived from the Social
- 18 Security Administration in their report on the
- 19 amount of money an payors into the U.S. Suspense
- 20 Fund.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- MR. O'NEIL: I have a note here
- 23 that we have to change the tape. I also see
- 24 that it's 5:00, so.
- MS. YEAGER: Let's go off for a

- 1 second and we'll discuss it.
- 2 MR. O'NEIL: Sure.
- 3 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going
- 4 off the record at 4:58 p.m.
- 5 (Recess.)
- VIDEOGRAPHER: One moment please.
- 7 It is 5:00 p.m. and we are back on the record.
- 8 You may continue.
- 9 MR. O'NEIL: I think counsel had
- 10 a conversation off the record, it's 5:00 now, I
- 11 still have some more questions for the ever
- patient Mrs. Millett. We're also hoping to have
- 13 complete the document production on behalf of
- 14 the plaintiffs. So, the agreement was that
- 15 we're going to try to continue this deposition
- 16 at some later date, and so that's what we plan
- 17 to do.
- 18 MR. CLOON: No objection by the
- 19 plaintiff. We just want to point that we're
- 20 willing to cooperate and go in excess of the
- 21 six-hour standard order for the depositions, but
- we do want to try to finish it up perhaps in an
- afternoon in good faith once we have obtained
- 24 all of the document outstanding productions and
- get those to you. And we'll work on a mutually

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agreeable time and date.
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                      MR. O'NEIL: Okay, great. Thank
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      you. Thank you, Mrs. Millett.
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                      VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going
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      off the record at 5:01 p.m.
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                (The deposition adjourned for the day
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      at 5:01 p.m. and will be continued at a later
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                   MELODY J. MILLETT
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1	CERTIFICATE
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3	I, Nissa M. Sharp, a Certified
4	Shorthand Reporter of the State of Kansas, do
5	hereby certify:
6	That prior to being examined the
7	witness was by me duly sworn;
8	That said deposition was taken down by
9	me in shorthand at the time and place
10	hereinbefore stated and was thereafter reduced
11	to writing under my direction;
12	That I am not a relative or employee
13	or attorney or counsel of any of the parties, or
14	a relative or employee of such attorney or
15	counsel, or financially interested in the
16	action.
17	WITNESS my hand and seal this
18	day of 20
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22	Nissa M. Sharp, CSR, CCR #528

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May 18, 2007
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      Mrs. Melody J. Millett
      c/o Ms. B. Joyce Yeager
      YEAGER LAW FIRM, LLC
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      City Center Square, 26th Floor
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      1100 Main Street
      Kansas City, Missouri 64105
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           Millett v. TrueLink, Inc.
      RE:
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      Dear Mrs. Millett:
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      Enclosed is your deposition, given in the
      above-named matter, for your examination and
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       signing. You will also find a signature page
      and an errata sheet for your convenience in
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      making any changes or corrections.
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      Pursuant to the law, any change in "form or
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      substance" of an answer shall be accompanied
      with a statement of the reason given by you for
      making such change.
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      Upon completion of your examination and reading,
      please sign the enclosed signature page and
      errata sheet and return them to this office in
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      the enclosed self-addressed envelope. If we
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      have not received the signed documents from you
      within 30 days from the date of this letter, an
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      unsigned copy of your deposition will be filed.
      Yours very truly,
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      METROPOLITAN COURT REPORTERS, INC.
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By: Nissa M. Sharp, CSR, CCR #528

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